

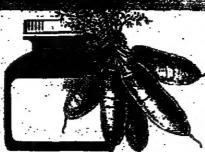


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Critical judges to meet Howard

Tougher jail terms 'mean more murder'

By Frances GIBB and RICHARD FORD

THE Home Secretary's tougher sentencing policy will lead to more murders as rapists and other violent criminals decide that it is not worth leaving their victims alive, one of Britain's most senior judges

said yesterday.

Adding his voice to a chorus
of judicial dissent, Lord Justice Rose also criticised Michael Howard's proposals on minimum sentences for some offences as an undesirable fetter on judges' discretion to tailor the punishment to the crime.

At the same time, Lord Donaldson of Lymington and cord Ackner renewed their sentencing ideas, which will be outlined in a White Paper in the Spring. And on Satur-day. Lord Justice Rose is expected to spell out their misgivings to Mr Howard in person at a private meeting. with some thirty judges, police

and probation officers. Such meetings are held regularly by the Criminal Justice Consultative Council. hich Lord Ji chairs, to discuss problems in the justice system. The Home. Secretary has been invited to this Saturday's gathering in Northampton, and judges are expected to make their views

known. Yesterday Lord Justice Rose told The Times: "Mandatory life for a second offence of rape will mean fewer pleas of guilty and more murders. You're not going to plead guilty if you commit an offence which carries a mandatory life sentence: And so far as more murders are concerned, rapists will think that they may as well kill their victims - there's no point leaving them alive if the The Appeal Court judge,

who made his comments yes terday in a personal capacity, also complained that Mr Howard's plans for minimum sentences, for repeat burglars and drug dealers "clearly fer-ter judges' discretion in an undesirable way", Lord Donaldson agreed. Speaking on BBC Radio 45.

Today programme, he described Mr Howard's plans as fairly extreme and said that penal policy should not be formed on the hoof. Sentencing decisions in cases of serious violent crime were taken by professional judges and he regretted any attempt to limit their discretion.

"If their hands are tied so that whatever the circum-stances they are obliged to pass some minimum sentence. then I think there will be injustices and I think in due course there will be a public

outery," he said. Lord Adkner, who has re-tired as a law lord, added that the Home Secretary knew that his proposals would not reach the statute book before the election. "Mr Howard is playing politics with the administration of justice. He is saying

to the Opposition: Look how tough we are on crime. You are not as rough as we are and thereby hoping to achieve political advantage."

Reform campaigners also added their voice to the sentencing protest. Paul Cavadino, chairman of the Penal Affairs Consortium, said he had not spoken to a single judge in favour of the plans.
"Senior judges are right to oppose the proposals, not simply because they restrict dges discretion, but because they will create serious injus-

But Mr Howard insister that his main aim was to protect the public. As it stands at the moment, if someone isn't sentenced to life imprisonment they can be— and are—released, even when everyone knows that there is a great risk that they will go out and commit another rape or another violent offence," he said. "My overriding objective is to protect the public and in help build a safer Britain."

Mr Howard also said that

he intended to get the propos-als on to the Statute Book before the election but acknowledged that that might not prove possible. The plans could lead to a huge rise in the prison popula-

non — some penal groups say by as many as 30,000 — and officials are already looking at electronic tagging of minor offenders and fine defaulters. They are also studying whether electronic monitoring could be used instead of short-jail terms and for some motoring offences, including drinkdriving. A pilot scheme linking tagging to a curfew order is operating in Norfolk.

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Michael Volino practises a 35-yard kick in New York after lessons from a professional

The million-dollar kick

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

A NEW YORK man will win \$1 million this weekend if, during the half-time break at an American football final, he executes a single place kick. Michael Volino, a 35-year-

old, unathletic police sergeant, won the opportunity in a draw run by the Hershey chocolate company. He will have just one chance at the 35yard kick during the half-time interval at Sunday's Pro Bowl game in Hawaii. If the ball floats between the posts, Sergeant Volino will pocket the money. If it goes wide, he will

return to the 103rd Precinct in New York's Queens borough. The trip to Hawaii means he will miss a promotion examination for which he has studied for a year. The exam is held rarely, but his col-leagues were in no doubt that

he should head west. "Every guy I work with said to go for the million." said Sergeant Volino, who has confessed to nervousness about kicking the ball in front of millions of viewers.

He has taken lessons from a coach, who has advised him to take a short approach and address the ball with a toebanger stroke. Rob Andrew. England's model goal kicker. recommended a slow, deliberate run-up. "Fix your eyes on the piece of ball you intend to hit. Don't look up, someone else will tell you if it's over."

Sergeant Volino said: "I'm very accurate, but only from 15 yards." At a practice before reporters he succeeded (just) with one kick out of 12. Before flying to Hawaii yesterday he confessed that his kicking leg was a little sore

Porton Down LSD trial was farce for soldiers

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

SOLDIERS who volunteered to take part in secret chemical warfare trials in the 1960s were dosed with LSD tablets that totally incapacitated normally fit and highly disciplined units.

Some officers could not control their men because they were laughing uncontrollably. according to Ministry of Defence documents that were

declassified yesterday.

The trials were carried out by the Ministry's chemical defence experimental establishment at Porton Down in Wiltshire and were intended to determine how LSD and other hallucinatory drugs affected troops and whether there was potential for using the drugs in an aerosol form

against an enemy.
The 11 files from Porton Down on the trials were released yesterday by the Public Record Office at Kew in Surrey. They describe three operations codenamed Moneybags, Recount and Small Change. None of the volunteers were told what drugs they were being given; the trials were monitored by doctors and all were given medical and psychiatric screening before the tests began.

commander who was alternately laughing and retching. cried out: "This is getting too much. Why doesn't somebody who's sober take charge?" Earlier, the same troop commander had accused a radio operater of insubordination because he was "talking gibberish and whistling down the handset". The officer did not realise that the soldier's be-

haviour was due to the drugs. During one operation in November 1965, 13 Royal Marine commandos were given doses of 200 micrograms (a microgram is a millionth of a gram) of LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide). Five minutes after taking the drug, they

became progressively more

dispressived and incapable of taking orders. LSD is one of the most potent drugs known: a "normal" dose would be 25 to 150 micrograms.

Major J. L. Rickcord, who monitored the exercise, concluded that the whole unit would have been annihilated by modest enemy action within an hour. The men, he said, were "out of touch" and un-

able to use equipment.

None of the Service personnel who took part in the experiments appeared to suffer lasting damage. Most were able to function normally after 24 or 48 hours, although many admitted to feeling depresse

6One junior officer found difficulty in controlling an entirely unjustified hilarity?

In one of the files it is acknowledged that only one subject in the history of medi-cal experiments with hallucinatory drugs had died, and that was an elephant which nao been grams of LSD.

In Operation Recount in September 1966, 16 men from the 37th Heavy Air Defence Regiment took part in an experiment that involved an hallucinatory drug called T3456. One junior officer was afflicted with frequent bouts of laughter. He complained that one of his drugged men made his laughter even worse when-ever he approached him.

The junior officer found difficulty in controlling an entirely unjustified hilarity in spite of the presence of his commanding officer, one technical file from Porton Down remarks. During the same experiment, the battery Continued on page 2, col 5

£900 windfall for millions

Alliance & Leicester is to seek a £2.5 billion stock market flotation next year, a move that will mean an average £900 payout for its three million qualifying saving and borrowing members. Page 23

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Let Nolan decide on pay, says Labour

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND ALICE THOMSON

THE Labour leadership last night announced that they will accept any changes to Commons salaries recommended

by the Nolan Committee. Some 300 MPs have backed a parliamentary motion call-ing on Lord Nolan's committee to review MPs' and ministers' pay and to recommend changes within three months. At Prime Minister's Questions today, Mr Major is. expected to face a barrage of cross-party pressure to refer the issue of pay to Nolan. Ann

Taylor, the Shadow Commons Leader, said that Labour would accept any recommen-dations of the Nolan Committee, insisting that it was time for salary increases to be taken

out of MPs' hands. However, Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, criticised MPs for wanting to increase their pay and said that the current amount was "a perfectly acceptable sum". Many MPs say that the annual ritual of voting through their own salary rises has



You're right, money hasn't changed you

damaged the reputation of the

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55 killed in Sri Lankan lorry blast

FIFTY-FIVE people were killed and up to 1,500 were injured when a bomb destroyed the heart of Sri Lanka's capital yesterday (Vijitha Yapa writes).

Three armed men jumped from a moving lorry outside the Central Bank in Colombo and began firing at random. The lorry, packed with 440lb of explosive, crashed into the entrance of the bank, a threetower complex only 500 yards from President Bandaranaike Kumaratunga's office.

Tamil attack, page 15

Royal snooper 'ashamed' BY EMMA WILKINS

A RADIO enthusiasi who allegedly taped the Duke of Edinburgh speaking on a mobile telephone said last

night that he was ashamed of what he had done. Neville Hawkins, 47, who lives three miles from Sandringham, the Queen's Norfolk estate. is said to have recorded the Duke speaking to a woman friend about family

Christmas Yesterday Mr Hawkins, who has been suspended from his job, was questioned by police for 90 minutes.

Intentionally intercepting a

telephone call can lead to a maximum fine of £5,000 or two years imprisonment under the Interception of Communications Act (1985).

Norfolk police said last night that Mr Hawkins, a hospital maintenance worker, had contacted officers about the alleged tape. "The constabulary can confirm that a man has contacted them regarding the taping of an alleged tele-phone call made by His Royal matters shortly before Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. Police inquiries are continuing," a spokesman said. Mr Hawkins, who lives

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BODY AND MIND. TRAVEL NEWS LAW REPORT



After the sharks, a clammy invertebrate scuttles in for the kill

f anything can scupper the Tory fightback, it is David Shaw (C. Dover). Ever since, two years ago. Tony Blair began surfing a wave of media adoration that Mother Teresa would envy, your sketchwriter has been wondering what could be more nauseating — and looking forward to the moment when surf hits reef.

Finally, last week, the reef. And after the reef, the answer to my question: a spectacle just as unsettling — the circling of the Tory sharks. Then,

yesterday, scuttling up the Dover beach, something clammy, invertebrate and quite unspeakable: Mr Shaw.

Come back, Tony, all is forgiven! David Shaw somehow succeeds in being both menacing and craven at the same time. Pasty-faced and wearing the perpetual smirk of the classroom sneak, he reminds us of the sort of boy who could jab you under the desk with the sharp end of his compass, then point at you

when the teacher asks who

has yelped. When an Opposi-

tion front-bencher is in trouble at the dispatch box, Shaw leads the barracking

leads the barracking.

When a Cabinet Minister wants a backbench crawler to lob him an easy six. Shaw leads the bowling. He even cast aspersions on the Queen Mother's judgment when her devotion to the white cliffs of Dover led her to express alarm at their possible sell-off.

Dover led her to express alarm at their possible sell-off. David Shaw has the apparent courage of those with a hide so thick they honestly don't know how their behaviour looks. Yesterday he led

MATTHEW PARRIS

Rule Bill (a piece of political kite-flying) put forward by Labour's John Spellar (Warley W) to regulate the funding of political parties.

A reasoned case can be made against the reforms Spellar proposed. Shaw did not make it. He twisted his speech into a series of re-

marks, each ending in "just another example of Labour doing one thing ..." at which point like a pantonime dame leading the kids in an audience chant, he would conduct the Government benches in a chorus of "and saying

Why do the whips encourge this sort of thing? The question tagged our sleeves twice yesterday, for, before Spellar's and Shaw's exchange. I had watched Questions to the Scottish Secretary. Labour Party politics is like a quiet from in which, from

a quiet room in which, from beneath half a dozen custions, chans and cupboards, and if you wait for a complete hush, you can hear the gentle, regular tick of balf a dozen timebombs. At least two of these are in the Scottish corner, and they relate to the Opposition's forthcoming manifesto pledge of a de-

volved, tax-raising partiament. The one bomb is what the Tories call the "tartan tax" on Scotland. The other is whatthe press call the Midlothian. Question: why another elected assembly for an already overrepresented Scotland, and nothing for England?

nothing for England?

Everybody knows these questions are potentially calamitous for Labour. Nobody has the least idea how calamity can be averted. But because Tory MPs and propagandists keep banging on so mindless by on the subject, journalists

hesitate to get in on the act. Englishmen like Mr Shaw are sent by the Tory whips to shriek "Tartan tax, tartan tax like mindless parrots to which ministers reply "Absolutely right," absolutely right." In these circumstances, the rest of us hang back.

rest of us hang back.

Just because a mindless parrot can repeat a question, however, does not mean that the question is unimportant. The Scottish Labour Party is losing its self-confidence and yesterday afternoon, you could sense it.

Kinnock bails out Iberia for £440m

By A STAFF REPORTER

NEIL KINNOCK, Europe's

Transport Commissioner, announced nearly £440 million of public aid to bail out Spain's national airline Iberia yesterday — but insisted that Brussels was committed to phasing out airline subsidies.

Mr Kinnock said he had approved the move only after slashing the amount of aid to the airline and winning strict concessions to ensure no trade distortion with competing national airlines elsewhere in letternee Newertheless the

national airlines elsewhere in Europe. Nevertheless, the approval of another massive amount of money to alling Iberia is bound to irritate British Airways, which has gone without state intervention and believes it is time Brussels made the rest of the industry face up to openmarket competition.

market competition.

The deal is Mr. Kinnock's first major political decision in his 12 months as Transport Commissioner and at a news conference in Brussels he was determined to emphasise that he has granted the aid only to save Iberia from technical bankruptcy on the basis of stringent compensial criteria.

stringent commercial criteria.

He has cut back the scale of investment by almost half and forced Iberia to shed business as part of its streamlining efforts. Mr Kinnock has spent months negotiating with the airline and agonised over a detailed study by independent experts before concluding that some subsidy could be allowed to help with restructuring.

Hurd says Europe won't be ready for monetary union

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

DOUGLAS HURD supported the postponement of the European single currency yesterday, warning that an attempt to press forward on the present timetable could jeopardise the European Union's achievements and threaten division.

The former Foreign Secretary, regarded as one of the leading pro-Europeans of the Thatcher and Major era, is the latest European statesman to cast doubt on whether monetary union could ever happen. He urged the German Covernment to propose that it should be delayed.

"I do not know whether it will ever happen." he said. "I do not think it will happen in 1999 ... I do not think it will work out in the next three or four years." He added: "The Germans are in the best position to say that this was a perfectly honourable and good idea, that its day may come but that the timing of it now is just not working out."

Mr Hurd's outspoken remarks came as the British European Union official sacked this month for his attack on monetary union delivered a savage parting shot at Brussels, claiming that he had been treated like a

suspected criminal.

Bernard Connolly, writing in The Times today, suggests that he was sacked from his job as head of the unit moni-

toring the European monetary system for a political "crime" and that his offence had been to get things right, as the past few months had shown.

He claims that he has been subjected to a smear campaign and says that his sacking gives no encouragement to those who hope for greater openness and realism on European monetary issues.

"The past few weeks have seen an explosion of comment in practically every EU country, from politicians, bankers, academics and industrialists, on the impracticality and dangers of the Maastricht process. Are we now seeing in Western Europe the beginnings of an awakening on monetary issues to match the earlier political awakening to the East?"

Unless the glimmerings of



Connolly: sacked for a "political crime"

realism on the Continent, so far seen only on the fringes of power, penetrated to the core, "the whole of Western Europe will find it hard not to sink further into an economic mire and a period of political resentment".

Mr Hurd, interviewed on The World at One on Radio 4, said: "There is a danger that if the single currency is pressed forward on the present timetable it will begin to unravel the things we have already achieved, like the single market. Instead of being a leap forward to unity it might turn into a retreat into rather badtempered division." He opposed a softening of the convergence criteria and said the Germans would never agree

Conservatives keeping a careful eye on Brussels noted yesterday that Britain's optout from the social chapter exempted British firms from proposed EU laws guaranteeing fathers as well as mothers at least three months off work after childbirth.

Ministers meanwhile tried to make their hypocrisy charges against Labour cover its European policy. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, told Tony Blair to back British industry by jettisoning Labour's commitment to the social chapter.

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Clare Short leaving the NEC meeting yesterday

Labour loses 90 members over Harman's choice

By JUL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NEARLY ninety members have resigned from the Labour Party over Harriet Harman's decision to send her son to a grammar school, it emerged last night.

Labour officials said that 89 members had written to the party's headquarters during the past week saying they were resigning over her decision. Several backbenchers said they had received letters from members threatening to quit and predicted more resignations. However, party officials later said that 1.101 members had joined the party in the past week, matching the recent average weekly rise.

The figures were disclosed as the Labour Party, which has about 365,000 members, decided immediately to ditch its policy of all-women shortlists. The party's National Executive Committee (NEC) voted not to appeal against a tribunal ruling that its all-women shortlists for parliamentary seats breached sex discrimination laws.

The decision followed legal advice that the party could not be confident of winning an appeal. A statement from the Labour leadership also argued that the time-consuming appeals process was a "distraction" in the run-up to a general election. However, the NEC agreed to set up a working group to examine ways of increasing the total of women MPs.

Eleven constituencies which were drawing up all-women shortlists will have to rerun their selection processes. The NEC has urged nine constituencies it hopes to win to draw up a new timetable for selection immediately, so that they can have candidates in place

as soon as possible.

The remaining 11 seats still to select candidates will wait until the working group reports next month. Officials claimed that all 35 women who had been selected under the quota system, and endorsed by the NEC, would remain in place.

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Officials said the working group, headed by John Prescott, the deputy leader, would look at ways of encouraging those still selecting candidates to choose women. However, they emphasised that any diktat from the NEC, or any new mechanism, would

breach the tribunal ruling.
Ms Harman's decision to send her son to a grammar school was also raised at the NEC during Mr Blair's report to the meeting. Ms Harman decided to repeat some of her speech to the Parliamentary Labour Party in which she regretted the embarrassment she had caused the party.

she had caused the party.

In a 40-minute debate, NEC members agreed that the party had to unite and improve its presentation before the general election. Robin Cook is understood to have emphasised the need to "hone down and shape up policy and presentation".

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LSD troops

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sergeant major was so severely affected that after the exercise he removed most of his clothes and sat on his bed "wearing only his under-clothes and a seraphic smile". Two-and-a-half hours later he complained of feeling "rensed up" and he was sent to see a psychiatrist.

In Operation Recount, the object was to see whether there was any interaction between drugged and undrugged men. The experiments showed that the control group of undrugged soldiers did have a positive influence on those who had been given LSD.

who had been given LSD.

However, in the end the Porton Down experiments appeared to produce no practical results because the authorities decided that LSD in aerosol form would not be effective. Evidence showed that absorption of LSD in the air was

When only small doses of LSD were given, the soldiers were able to maintain reasonable discipline, but over several days their capabilities became gradually more impaired. One file records that T34356 "is a most powerful incapacitor even of highly trained and motivated infantry". With a dose of 200 micrograms communication between the soldiers became "chaotic".

One file says: "By the time the recipient (of information) had been woken up enough to realise someone was talking to him, the speaker had forgotten what he was supposed to be saying." Men walked aimlessly around the exercise area, exposing themselves to enemy fire "in total disregard for cover".

NHS trust chiefs receive 30% rises in pay explosion

By Jeremy Laurance, Health correspondent

PAY rises of up to 30 per cent have been awarded to chief executives of NHS trusts amid signs of a salary explosion at the top of the health service. The average rise was 7.6 per cent in the year to last March, more than twice the 3.2 per cent received by nurses, according to a survey. Six chief executives, had rises in total remuneration of more than 20 per cent, taking

the highest paid over £100,000, including bonuses and benefits but excluding pension contributions.

The figures come after disclosures that consultant salaries are leaping above NHS pay scales as trusts compete for specialists in short supply.

Psychiatrists, anaesthetists and paediatricians are commanding premiums of up to £20,000 above the NHS maximum of £52,440

Unison, the largest NHS union, said: "The public will regard many of these increases, bonus payments and other perks as quite unjustifiable in relation to the treat-

ment handed out to hard pressed health staffs."
Philip Hunt, director of the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts, said the salaries of most trust chief executives were modest by comparison with the private sector. "It's a very tough job. Where there have been large rises it is partly to do with a judgment

that they have taken on more

responsibility."
The higest paid NHS chief executive identified in the survey by Incomes Data Services is Mark Rees of Bromley Hospitals NHS Trust, in southcast London, who received £101,000 in 1994-95.

The survey, covering 250 trusts about three quarters of the fotal in March 1994, omitted some such as Guy's and St Thomas's in London, the largest in the country, because they did not return copies of their annual accounts. The total earnings of Tim Matthews, chief executive of Guy's and St Thomas's.

were £107.000 in 1994-95.

The highest pay rise of 2905 per cent was awarded in Jeremy Taylor, chief executing of Grampian Healthcare NHS Trust, taking his total earnings to £97,000.

The highest paid director, the survey found, was Dr Willie Harris, medical director of St Mary's Hospital. London, and a consultant in genito-urinary medicine who earned £120,000 in 1994-95. Dr Harris said: "I am quite delighted if I am at the peak of the pay levels but I think you will find other medical directors who are higher paid than I am. My pay is an analgam of my NHS salary, a higher level merit award and management pay."

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Royal tape

Continued from page 1 in Ingeldisthorpe, near King's Lynn, was taken to his local police station yesterday in apolice car, but officers emphasised he was not being arrested and was accompanying them voluntarily.

After he was named in yesterday's San, Mr Hawkins was suspended from duties at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. King's Lynn. Richard Venning. chief executive of the King's Lynn and Wisbech Hospitals Trust, said: "As a hospital trust we expect absolute confidentiality and high standards of discretion from all our staff."

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Mr Hawkins, who is married to a nurse and has two children, is alleged to have tried to sell the tape for £50,000 to The Sun. The newspaper said that it had not paid him any money.

A scanner costing £200, possession of which is not

possession of which is not illegal; can be used to intercept signals from old-style analogue mobile telephones. Modern digital telephones are more difficult to track.

The Duke was said to have been using an analogue telephone telephone.

The Duke was said to have been using an analogue telephone because of poor reception at Sandringham.

☐ An industrial tribunal hearing (report, leading article, January 19) concerning a male typist found unequivocally, and not on a technicality, for the respondents, Office Angels. ☐ The Right Rev Francis Walmsley is the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Forces, not the Anglican bishop (report, resterday)

Gummer blocks Royal Opera move

By MARCUS BINNEY

THE Royal Opera House has suffered a new setback in its search for a temporary home during rebuilding at Covent Garden. John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, vesterday announced a public inquiry into the plan for a temporary opera house beside Tower Bridge, which secured funding this week. This put to an end hopes of completing

This put to an end hopes of completing the temporary venue before Covent Garden closes in September 1997 for its £214 million renovation, and makes it unlikely to be used by the Royal Opera and Royal Ballet companies. The plan

potential tenant of the Tower Bridge building the Disney Corporation, withdrew. But Credit Lyomais had found a speculative investor willing to take the risk of finding future tenants.

Clive Timms, financial director of the Royal Opera House, said last night: "Credit Lyonnais told us this week they were in a position to go ahead with the financing of the project. Some £26 million was potentially available to cover the acquisition of the land and the costs of constructing and fitting out the building. "We are very disappointed but not

surprised. The scheme had the full sup-

e no formal objections. But our planning
advisers say Mr Gummer's intervention
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The proposal had the support of the Royal Fine Art Commission and English Heritage. In a letter yesterday, however, Mr Gummer told the council he wishest to take the planning decision on the proposed opera house himself in view of the sensitivity of the site next to Tower Bridge and the Tower of London. The promoters of the scheme are now likely to consider withdrawing it.

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Coroner praises Ecstasy victim's family for their 'stoicism and strength of character'

Parents tell inquest of frantic fight to save Leah

THE parents of Leah Betts told an inquest yesterday of their framtic attempts to keep her alive as she slipped into a coma after taking an Ecstasy

Paul Betts, a former police-man, and his wife Janet sat holding hands as they told the inquest in Chelmsford, Essex, of Leah's collapse after taking the taket at her 18th histories the tablet at her 18th birthday party. Mrs Betts said she knew something was wrong when she saw that Leah's eyes were enormous, "like some-thing out of a horror film".

Dr John Henry, consultant physician at Guy's Hospital's national poisons information service told the inquest that, in some cases, people who took Ecstasy found that it reduced their ability to deal with water through their kidneys. Water was retained in the body, the blood diluted and the brain swelled. Leah, who had drunk several cups of water quickly, was effectively brain-dead within 15 minutes of first

Dr Henry said: "If Leah had taken the drug alone she might have survived. If she had drunk the water alone she might have survived. But the effect of the drug and drinking ly responsible for the kidneys not passing out the water and caused the blood to be diluted and the brain to swell."

Mr Betts said that he had



Leah Betts: collapsed after drinking water

collected Lean, an A-level student, from her Saturday job on the afternoon of the party and had returned with one of her friends, Sarah Cargill, to the family home at Latchingdon, Essex. She was a bit on edge waiting for people to come," he said. They didn't arrive until 8.30pm and from then on the party went on perfectly

-Sarah said in a statement that she and Leah had ob-tained four Ecstasy tablets from a friend. They had taken the drug together on about four previous occasions but were told that the latest pills

The girls decided to swallow whole tablet each at about ent from how I had on previous occasions, but I still felt fine," Sarah said.

During the course of the evening Leah had drunk a Malibu and a Bacardi Breezer, but steered clear of her usual drink of vodka. Sarah said she saw Leah smoking a marijuana cigarette during the course of the evening and that Leah had said on a couple of occasions that she had wanted to wet her

At the end of the evening Leah went upstairs, complain-ing of feeling thirsty. She asked Sarah to accompany her to the bathroom, where she drank six or seven cups of water, one after the other, before screaming out that she had a "terrific headache and a

funny feeling in her legs".
At about 12:30am Leah's younger brother, William, called Mrs and Mrs Betts, who were watching a video in the kitchen, to come to Leah's assistance. Mrs Bents, Leah's stenmother, said: "I went upstairs and I found her leaning over the wash basin. She turned round and when I saw her eyes I knew there was

something wrong "
Leah vomited then collapsed with her legs wrapped
around the door. "At this time she was still coherent, you could still hold a conversation with her," her father told Dr Malcolm Weir, the coroner. "We tried to put her into the

damage she would cause

They carried her to her bedroom. "She was clawing and screaming at me to help her," Mrs Betts said. She was suffering excruciating stom-ach and head pains, saying her skull felt as if it was on the

point of exploding.

Mr Betts said: "She was screaming at the pain in her legs and the pain in her stomach and screaming. 'Mum, please help me."

Mrs Betts said: "I had just

got through to ambulance control, and Leah suddenly stopped breathing, I shook her, it was like everything was in slow-motion."

Mr Betts said he pumped his daughter's chest until she regurgitated, forcing him to stop. Her heart continued to beat and his wife kept on with resuscitation until the ambu-lance and police arrived.

Dr Weir recorded a verdict of accidental death, caused by non-dependent abuse of Ecstasy. At the end of the 90-minute hearing, he said: "I would like to pay tribute to the stoicism and strength of character of Mr and Mrs Betts in the past two months. I can only hope that all their efforts to bring to the public forum the dangers of Ecstasy will be listened to by people who expose them-selves to this dangerous drug. Even if it prevents one more fatality Leah's death will not have been in vain."



Paul and Janet Betts outside Chelmsford Coroner's Court yesterday

Celine police in plea to **hauliers**

DETECTIVES hunting the killer of Celine Figard, the French student whose body was found in woodland just after Christmas, have ap-proached 22,500 haulage firms asking for help. Mile Figard, 19, was last seen at Chieveley service station on the M4 in Berkshire, accepting a lift from the driver of a

Mercedes lorry.
Detective Chief Superintendent John McCammont, of West Mercia police, said that letters being sent to firms contained descriptions of the lorry and driver. "I am appealing to haulage operators to study these and to let me know of any individual who may be of interest to us. We have a DNA profile of the man we are seeking and have started ob-taining samples from lorry drivers."

However, hauliers claimed last night that police had failed to take up offers of help from the industry. One said: "A lot of us were keen to cooperate but the police failed to come back to us. It's more than possible that one of those who wanted to help may have vital information that could

lead detectives to the killer." Police rejected any sugges tion that detectives were slow to react to offers of help and said that the inquiry had initially been in the hands of another force. "Her disappearance was treated as a missing person case until we found the body."

partners murdered yacht crew

BY BOB GRAHAM

A RAID on a British millionaire's yacht which led to the torture and murder of four people was yesterday describ-

Antigua by one of the killers. Donaldson Samuel was one of the three men who slipped: aboard the 65ft ketch as it was moored overnight at the is-land of Barbuda. He has admitted manslaughter and was giving evidence as a

prosecution witness.

Rex Mackay, QC, for the prosecution, described the cillings of Ian Cridiand, 33. the skipper, Thomas Wil-liams, 22, the deckhand, and Kathy and Bill Clever, the guests, as a "savage and sadistic execution".

Samuel, 23, has changed his original plea of not guilty to murder, to an admission of guilt to manslaughter. He claimed he and Mellanson Harris, 23, and Marvin Joseph, 22, planned "to get some money at gunpoint. It was all Marvin Joseph's idea.

Samuel told the court how he searched the Challenger's cabins and found a viden comera and a small amount of cash. "At that time I was on: my own. The crew were sitting around the table when I last saw them, still alive, I was ready to go back because we had finished what we'd come for. Then when I went back in they were all dead. Shot by Mel and Marvin."

Samuel yesterday denied in a beated exchange with Clement Bird, for the defence, that he had changed his plea because he wanted to escape claimed it was because he played no part in the killings.

Thief says | Policewoman was gold courier in £3.5m VAT scam

By TIM JONES

A POLICE officer was found guilty vesterday of helping her father, a former policeman, in a £20 million gold smuggling ring. Lucie Gilmore, 25, acaed as a courier during at least four trips to Belgium with her father to buy bullion.

Gilmore, who like her father Michael Gilmore, 53, served will be sentenced in four weeks time. Her father plead-ed guilty at the start of the trial at Knightsbridge Crown Court, west London; of con-spiring with others to evade £3.5 million of VAT on the importation of gold. He will be

sentenced tomorrow. The scam, masterminded by Ine scam, masternamoed by Jervan Kanda, a jeweller from Birmingham, involved brying three tons of gold in Belgium and Luxembourg, where only up to I per cent in tax was payable, and smuggling the ingots, valued at E8,000 each, into Britain in cars.

The onld was sold by invel-

The gold was sold by jewellers adding VAT at 17.5 per cent and netted the gang £3.5 million, which has been recov-



to smuggle gold bullion

ered Although Customs iden-tified the gang leaders. Gilmore a probationary officer, was unwittingly respon-sible for the arrest of herself

attention of the authorities only after Gilmore hisisted that threats by a former smuggling activities should be reported to police. He was arrested for attempted blackmail but the story he told police about one of their colleagues and a former member of the force left them amazed, the court was told.

In evidence, Gilmore, of Bridgnorth, Shropshire, said she had gone with her father to the Continent but only to keep him company. However that on the trips she collected gold for smuggling.

Michael Gilmore admitted

24 smuggling runs during which he brought back over a third of a ton of gold. He said he became part of the ring because he was facing financial ruin after the collapse of his business. His partner, David Fox, a solicitor, who was also involved with the gang, committed suicide.

Surrinder Kumar, a jewel-ler, of Sutton Coldfield, was also found guilty and will be sentenced later. Police are still trying to find Jeevan Kanda. As she left court after being granted bail, Gilmore, who has a young daughter, said

she intended to appeal. The law on gold in Britain has been changed. VAT is no longer paid on bullion but only from the point at which it is turned into jewellery. Cusnoms say this has almost entirely eradicated gold smuggling fraud within the EU.

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One word from coach puts all 11 players on the spot

school football team and the substitute is called Chris, as they are in Aloeric School's under-12 side, you may have int upon a statistical fluke, or maybe even some mystenons community where parcate just run out of nation when faced with a foot. You have certainly landed yourself

with a coaching headache. school in Melksham, Wiltshire cheering from the touchine is a doddle. But Nor the coach it makes banking factical orders to the "a very confusing game", players confusing at best according to Chris Need-Peter Mowday, the head teacher, quickly learnt what made Graham Taylor turn angry when he was England

WHEN every boy in the boss. The under-12s' first boss. The under-12s titst match was a prickly school derby against local rivals. Forest and Sandridge.

Mr Mowday, unthinkingly, yelled "Chris you take the corner." Five Aloeric

players raced off. Did he not like that! Every time someone shouled Cross, Christ, a flock of Christophers criss-

crossed the field like scattering billiard balls. An unhelpful complication was that the visiting team also contained five Christophers, which made it

ham, 10, Aloeric's left back.

"At the beginning of the

game a few people called out Chris for a pass, but every

one quickly decided it wasn't a very good idea." Chris Czelecki, 10, the midfield dynamo, said: "As soon as someone got the ball everyone else shouted 'Chris, Chris' lt was a bit confusing." Chris Miles, also 10, the keeper, said: "I shouted 'Chris' really loud once and about six people stopped and turned round."

The match ended in a 0-0

Mr Mowday, the coach and referee as well as head of the 405-pupil school, said: "The boys done well — each Chris deserved his place... It is quite remarkable that we should have so many Christophers at the school and that so many of them should be good at football."

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Expert reveals hands-on approach

Degas owners are shaken by use of fingers and thumbs

MUSEUM curators and collectors have been astonished by the discovery that Edgar Degas, the 19th-century master, painted dozens of his most important late works with his fingers and thumbs.

They don't particularly like to be told their pictures were painted with thumbs. Richgas scholar, said. His findings will be published by the National Gallery to coincide with an exhibition on Degas opening on May 22.

"It has shocked collectors," he said. You should see their. faces. They crumble They don't like it. It sounds a very 20th-century thing to do.

"Fingerprint" pictures in-clude Dancers, Pink and Green, a masterpiece from the Metropolitan Museum in New York, Woman at her Bath, from Toronto, and Blue

Detail of Blue Dancers, which shows a scattering of fingerprints particularly in the foliage



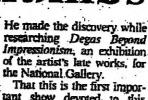
Dancers, from the Musee d Orsay, Paris. In that picture, he said, fingerprints can be detected across much of the surface, particularly in the background foliage. "Once you see them, you can't see anything but," he said.

Although plainting is literally a hands on activity. Mr. Kendall said this aspect had been overlooked by scholars.

John Leighton, curator of 19th-century paintings at the National Gallery, said the research would transform an

Mr Kendall suggested that Degas might have been following the example of Timan, the 16th-century venetian whom he is known to have admired. White Times have admired. While Titian's contemporaries interpreted finger-painting as a sure sign that the master had finally lost his marbles, he said. Degas's imagination was fired by it: "He was a technical anarchist. Pissarro once called him an

Others whose prints have been studied by art detectives include Turner. Mr Kendall said, however, that the extent to which Degas used his was unusual and he made no attempt to disguise them:



tant show devoted to this period would have surprised Degas's contemporary Renoir, who once said: "If Degas had died at 50, he would have been remembered as an excellent painter, no more: it is after his fiftieth year that his work broadens out and that he really becomes Degas."
Mr Kendall said that since

the last Impressionist exhibition of 1886. Degas's career had been shrouded in mystery. "He virtually stopped exhibiting, allowed only close friends into his studio and it was even rumoured that he had become blind. Though he lived for a further three decades, the pictures and sculp-tures of this late period have remained an enigma, little researched and largely un-known to the general public." Degas turned to the technique in the 1890s, when he was in his sirties.

image of Degas producing exquisite pictures with delicate brushstrokes. After the initial shock, he said, people would appreciate that these pictures bore the most direct trace of the most direct trace of

anarchist in art'."



Identical twins Rachel and Laura Boyce recovering yes-terday after the same lifesaving heart operation at Southampton General Hospital. The girls, aged three, were born with a heart mur-mur caused by a narrowing of the aorta, the main artery leading to the heart (Joanna Bale writes). Their condition

was detected shortly after

Heart surgeon sees double

they were born but surgeons decided to wait until they were older before operating. Robert Lamb, the consultant cardiac surgeon who performed the three-hour op-

erations ten days ago, said: "It is extremely rare for

identical twins to have the same heart problem. Al-though they may look the ly twins will be different in their physiological make-up, but when we did blood and

could tell them apart." The girls returned to their bome in Tadley, Hampshire, yesterday. Lee Boyce, 30, their father, said: They have been incredibly brave. Laura and Rachel do everything

together and can't bear to be apart. When they were in intensive care the doctors drew curtains around their beds but the girls made them pull them back so they could wave to each other."

Mr Lamb said: "If we had not done the operation they would have suffered serious problems and probably have died in their teens."

Parents sue health trust over death of babies in hospital

that had caused concern.

actions. He declined to say if

the trust would be contesting

the claims. "All the children

sued by parents whose babies died after an operation for a heart defect. -

The actions follow the deaths of nine babies out of 13 who underwent the procedure at Bristol Royal Infirmary. The operation was performed on babies born with the two main blood vessels going into the heart transposed. The surgeons switched them back in a single operation. The babies, all under a year old, died in a five-year period to last March. The death rate

was more than twice the national average.

procedure for 11 months and brought in a new medical ill." he said. "We will be team after concerns were discussing each case carefully raised. The results of an and sympathetically with each investigation were published yesterday, showing that from 1990 to 1995 the Bristol cardiac The trust has carried out 100 operations in a new unit at Bristol Children's Hospital. team's results were compara-

ble with similar units else-Previously, operations on where in Britain - except for children were part of the heart the two surgical procedures surgery unit at Bristol Royal Infirmary. Only two of the Mr Robert McKinlay, chairnew team's operations inman of the United Bristol volved the "switch" procedure Healthcare NHS Trust, said and both were successful. that a "small number" of parents were involved in legal

The board said it was confident that sufficient steps had now been taken to ensure a very high standard of cardiac surgery for children.

£1.3m award to father challenged by insurer A FATHER who was awarded

record £1.3 million damages for post-traumatic stress disorder after his two daughters drowned in an accident should not have received a penny, the Court of Appeal was told

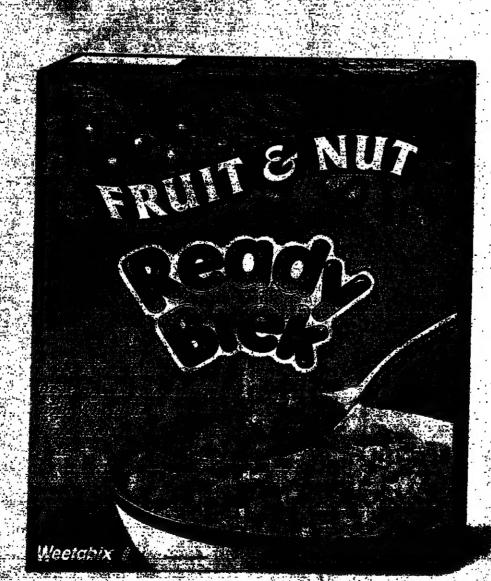
Peter Vernon's children died when a car driven by their nanny, Katherine Bosley, plunged into a river. Miss Bosley escaped but Mr Ver-non and his wife, Prue, watched from the bank as rescuers tried to save Philippa, 7, and Theresa, 3. A friend of the girls also died.

A year ago Mr Justice Sedley said at the High Court that the accident in 1982 had

destroyed the marriage of Mr Vernon, 53, from Tetbury, Gloucestershire, changed his personality and left him a helpess shadow of his former self.

But the insurer of Miss Bosley, which is liable for the award, argued yesterday that Mr Vernon became ill not through witnessing the events but because of the grief that any parent would feel at the loss of much-loved children for which no damages are recoverable - and subsequent events such as the collapse of his manufacturing company and a head injury suffered in a car accident.

The appeal hearing is expected to last ten days.



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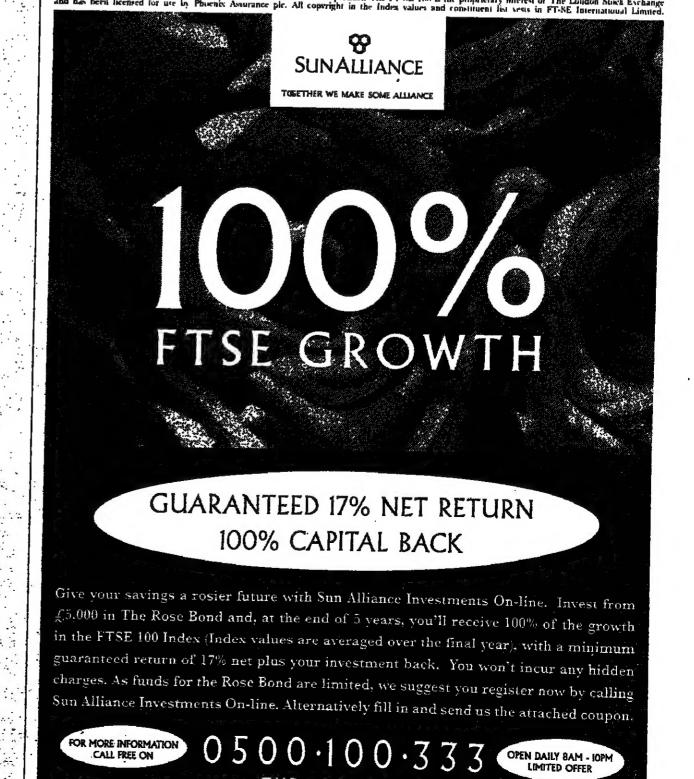
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Gummer's U-turn spells doom for the ruddy duck

By NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

HUNDREDS of ruddy ducks are to be shot on lakes and ponds in Britain after a rethink by John Gummer. Two weeks ago The Times

disclosed that the Environment Secretary was to aban-don plans to cull ruddy ducks after English Nature. his wildlife advisory group, gave a warning that it would be costly and might fail to achieve its objective of saving the Spanish white-headed duck from extinction. Mr Gummer was also worried that animal lovers would

But yesterday it emerged that Mr Gummer has overcome his reservations and decided to press ahead with the cull after being persuaded by conservation groups, led by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. They ar-gued that a cull was needed to help stop migrations of ruddy ducks from Britain. Ruddies have been taking flight to interbreed with the threatened white-headed species in regions such as Andaluciá, conservationists claim.

A Department of the Environment spokesman said: "Mr Gummer believes the public can understand that this is necessary to conserve

Environment Secretary has written to Viscount Cranbrook. English Nature's chairman, ordering the cull as a priority. Mr Gummer told Lord Cranbrook that he wanted a two-year trial to start this

spring. Chris Harbard of the RSPB said yesterday: "We would have been dismayed if the decision had gone the other way. It would have thrown away three years of research. it would also have sent the white-headed duck to its death hefore we could have discovered whether we can save it."

The regional trial follows research into how many ruddies are in Britain, where they are and what methods are likely to control their numbers. Baz Hughes, head of species management and conservation at the Wildfowl and



Wetlands Trust, said that dursand ruddy ducks congregated on a handful of sites, including Chew Valley Lake in Avon. Blithfield reservoir, Staffordshire, and Rutland Vater, Leicestershire.

In the breeding season, from early March, the birds split into pairs across large parts of the country. The main rhyn on Anglesey and one in the West Midlands. Tests have been carried out to see if egg pricking or shooting would be most cost-effective.

Shooting appears to be the best option. During the breeding season males approach humans to defend their territory, making them an easy target. "One option might also be to catch birds on the nest and humanely destroy them." Mr Harbard said.

A few ruddy ducks were imported into Britain from North America 35 years ago but they have now grown to more than 3.500. Without action they could increase to more than 10,000 by the turn of the century.

Experts have linked the arrival in Spain of ruddy ducks and the emergence of hybrid ducks in Spain with the

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Masks may also make an environmental statement

Smog masks are breath of fresh air only for the fashion-conscious

CYCLISTS who wear antipollution masks are doing little more than making a fashion statement, a conference was told yesterday. The masks, also used by police officers, are unlikely to absorb the tiny particles from diesel exhausts or carbon monoxide. The masks have become

common on urban streets as the pollution has risen and cycling has gained renewed popularity. They are also worn by police on traffic duty and at busy events.

Besser, chairman of the con-ference at the Royal College of Physicians, London, said: They are a fashion accessory."

Dr Robert Maynard, of the Department of Health, said: There is no doubt that if you take a mask off after a fortnight the filter will be full of black stuff. Anyone will be glad they didn't breathe it in. But in my opinion it is unlikely to take out any of the small particles in pollution, ese are the ones we are worried about nowadays.

This is simply a matter of physics. To take out the small particles you need a lot of energy, either force to sediment it out or pressure to filter it. All people are doing is covering their faces and breathing through these

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A Thames Valley officer on duty at Ascot

enough energy to remove small particles. "The masks are also unlike-

to remove carbon monoxunreactive gas and won't react with the mask."

Cycling groups said yester-day that the masks were also an environmental statement, driving home the point that

The London Cycling Cam-paign said: "Masks are very much a personal matter. Some cyclists think they work, others do not. The pollution should be dealt with rather than people being forced to wear masks."

The price of masks varies

E4.95 and consists of sponges with a filter in the middle. The Respro Urban Survival City AntiPollution Mask, which costs £19.95, claims to conform to World Health Organisation guidelines on air pollution. It has a two-way valve for easy breathing and replaceable filters.

Some car manufacturers, including Ford, Vauxhall and Jaguar, now provide filters to limit the amount of pollution entering the vehicle.

The police do not have a set policy on smog masks. Thames Valley said last night that they were issued to officers on traffic duty at large public events, such as racing at Ascot. The Metropolitan Police does not issue masks for routine duties but officers who want to wear them may seek permission from their superiors. "Provided masks are deemed suitable clothing they may be used as a sensible precaution," Scotland Yard said.

☐ Helmets worn by cyclists may be equally ineffective. A report published by the Policy Studies Institute suggeste the protection they provide has been exaggerated and could encourage cyclists to take risks.

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Car advert to show gay kiss

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

THE first homosexual kiss in a British television commercial will be broadcast tomorrow night by Peugeot, the French car manufacturer.

The commercial, which will occupy the entire three-minute spot midway through ITV's News at Ten, features images including two men kissing on the mouth. It will be followed next month by an advertise-ment for Virgin Vodka, which features two young men kissing in a trendy bar.

advertisers last night for lowering standards of decency on television. Lady Olga Maitland, Tory MP for Sutton and Cheam, said that she found the notion of men kissing on television "in extremely bad taste" and questioned how it could be allowed.

Although lesbian kisses have featured several times on television, including in the soap opera Brookside on Channel 4, many in the industry believe that the public is

two men kissing. The brewer Guinness is understood to have abandoned a plan last year to show a gay couple kissing because of concern about adverse public reaction. Peugeot said the male kiss in its advertisement for the

new 406 model was designed to be confused with a kiss of life. "We are saying, "You can be whatever you want to be and, if you want to buy a car that expresses that, then buy a

Virgin Vodka, whose 30second commercial will be screened first on MTV, the cable and satellite channel. said that the company wanted to appeal to all adults. "We are simply acknowledging that the gay community is a very

important consumer group."

Mary Whitehouse, former president of the National Viewers and Listeners Asso-ciation, said: "Quite honestly, if that is the only way they can find to advertise their products, then their products can't reluctant to accept the sight of ... be up to much."

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Hot weather Toad puts helped farms reap an extra £1bn last year

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

FARMERS earned El billion more last year than in 1994, partly because of the long hot summer. According to figures released by the Ministry of Agriculture yesterday, farmers' profits rose by 34 per cent from £3.015 billion to £4.027

The good weather produced one of the highest quality harvests for years at a time when prices were kept high by a worldwide grain shortage caused by droughts and poor growing conditions in many other countries.

en for four years in a row while the rest of the economy has been struggling out of recession. Arable farmers' earnings have more than dou-

bled in real value since 1991, Douglas Hogg, the Agricul-ture Minister, said yesterday that government policy had played a big part in improving farmers' profits. He said: "Low inflation kept down costs and continued low interest rates kept the industry's interest payments at about 40 per

cent below their 1990 levels." A much bigger factor, however, has been the combination of favourable weather and prices, with the 25 per cent depreciation of the pound since Britain's withdrawal from the European Union's exchange-rate mechanism in the autumn of 1992. The effect of the depreciation has been to raise the sterling value of EU farm subsidies by 25 per cent. Last year arable farmers

received £1.1 billion in direct

Farmers' incomes have ris-

lan Gardiner, director of farm policy at the National Farmers' Union, said: "Much of the extra cash is being ploughed back into farms. investment in such things as stock and machinery had dropped to about £1.5 billion a year in 1991 but is now up to about £2.3 billion. This improvement was

simply for putting crops in the

ground. They received another £200 million for growing

nothing on 12 per cent of their

land under the set-aside

ical and unintended result of

reforms introduced four years

ago to reduce the long-term

cost of the EU's common agricultural policy. These in-

volved, among other things, a

36 per cent cut over three years

In fact, cereals were fetch-ing higher prices last year than three years earlier, while

the subsidies paid to British farmers to offset the (as it

turned out) non-existent price

cuts have risen steadily.

in guaranteed cereal prices.

The bonanza is the paradox-

very necessary. It needs to be remembered that farm incomes, in real terms, are now just getting back to the levels of ten years ago before the depression of the late 1980s and early 1990s."

The good times should continue this year, but the rising price of imported items such as tractors and fertilisers is starting to bite. Pig and poultry farmers have seen their costs rise sharply. Many hill received E1.1 billion in direct farmers still have net incomes cash grants from the EU of less than E10,000 a year.

best hand forward to disprove doubters

By NIGEL HAWKES

THE European toad is inexperiments by Italian scientists have shown.

The common toad. Bufo bufo. joins humans, monkeys and some birds in showing a preference for using one limb rather than the other. The finding of handedness in such a lowly creature could cast light on how such metries evolved.

Dr Angelo Bisazza and colleagues from the universities of Padua and Udine. assisted by two Australian physiologists, put 24 Euro-pean toads to the test by wrapping plastic balloons around their heads. They then watched to see which hand the creature would use to remove the balloon.

By a majority of 14 to 4. the favoured the right hand. The rest were equally at ease with either. In a larger group of 46 faced with



The common toad now joins humans and monkeys in favouring one limb

removing a piece of sticky paper attached in the area of their mouth or nose, 26 chose the right and ten the left hand, with the rest showing

no preference. Curiously, the South Amer-lcan cane toad did not show handedness when challenged with the sticky paper, but did when held upside down upder water and then released. By 15 to 2, the cane toads rolled to their left. using their right hand to control rolling to the upright

The team says in Nature that this is the first time that handedness has been detected in amphibians. But chickeas have been shown to scratch the ground with their right feet while mice and several species of primates also show preference for one asymmetries have been seen in the brains of frogs.

side rather than the other. The evolution of handed ness has long been a puzzle. The evidence is that it begins to become apparent very early in embryonic life, and that it is linked with the fact that the brain itself is asymmetrical, with one side differing in structure and function from the other. Such brain

Intruder turns tail after alarm is raised

WHEN a woman arrived home late to discover her burglar alarm ringing she feared she had become the victim of a third break-in. The disarray in her sitting room. with ornaments smashed and a picture torn off the wall strengthened her fears.

But after ringing the police in tears. Lorraine O'Neill came face-to-face with the intruder a grey squirrel that had run amok after falling down the chimney.

Ms O'Neill, 41, lost

ewellery, televisions and vid-

eos in two previous raids at her home near Warminster. Wiltshire. "It was terrifying going into the house thinking that the raiders might still be in there," she said. "It was only when I was on the phone that I noticed a pair of eyes looking at me: a squirrel was perched on the curtain rail." PC Adrian Bawden said: When we arrived the lady said she had already found the

apprehended.

culprit I reached for my handcuffs but then she point ed to the frightened squirrel." The animal escaped through a door before it could be

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Lethargic anenome lives for 1,000 years

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

AMERICAN scientists have discovered that a sea anem-one called Gerardia can live for more than a thousand years — if sitting on the sea bed eating whatever passes can be called living. Dr Ellen Druffel, of the

University of California at Irvine, used carbon-dating to establish the age of three Gerardia specimens found in found at a depth of 620 metres and were brought to the surface by the American

Navy's Alvin submersible. Dr Druffel reports in the scientific journal Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta that the anemones had been around for between 1,500 and 2.100 years, which means they started life at the time of the Roman Empire. "I was astounded," Dr Druffel told New Scientist. "I figured that a lifetime of one to two millennia was just too long for a single animal."

The discovery could propast. The carbon in the anemone's skeleton comes from that trapped by plankton, so could provide an index of the productivity of the ocean over the past 2,000 years.



Richard Leakey and the Sixth Extinction

of species on the planet were all natural disasters. Speaking at a Times / Dillons lecture on Monday, February 12, chaired by Richard Dawkins, Richard Leakey, the Kenyan politician and renowned palaeoanthropologist and conservationist. will warm us that we are heading for a sixth.

Our capacity to exploit the world's resources beyond the point of natural renewal is leading us to the verge of a man-made catastrophe, he says. Homo sapiens could destroy entire species and trigger the such extinction.

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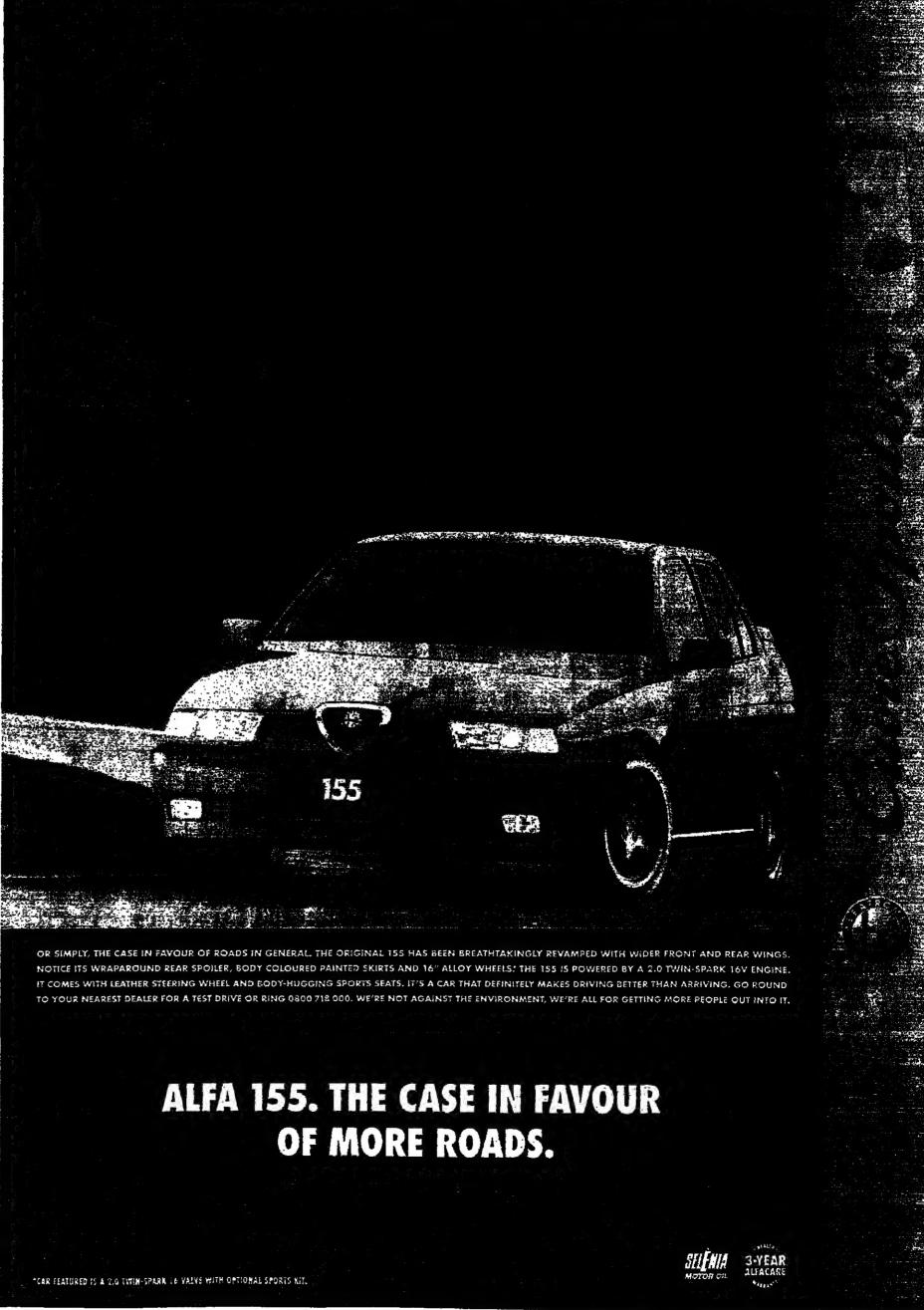
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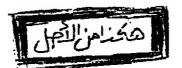
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Army to increase checks for explosives

By MICHAEL EVANS

THE Army is to increase the number of metal-detertion searches for unexploded devices on Dartmoor after three children were injured, one seriously, in an explosion last year. The children were walking with their parents when they found a mortar that exploded when they threw

it on the ground. The most seriously inj ured was Jenny Worrall. & who had emergency surgery after shrapnel entered her chest and abdomen, Her brothers Gary. 10, and Ricky, 9, were also hurt.

The family, from Ashburton, near Dartmoor, had been walking on the Great Mis Tor near Yelverton last June when the children came across a Second World War mortar. A board of inquiry set up by the Army, which has live firing ranges on Dartmoor, has now reported its findings and called for tougher safety measures.

One recommendation is to increase the number of co-ordinated searches using mine-detecting parties and metal detectors. Although regular checks are made on training areas, old mortars that had been buried sometimes find their way to the surface because of erosion.

Please shoot me within 24 hours, says the Buddhist monk who killed woman for £12

Backpacker's killer to be executed by machinegun

THE Buddhist monk who murdered the British backpacker Johanne Masheder in a cave in Thailand was sentenced to death by firing squad

yesterday. The judge in Kanchanaburi, SO miles west of Bangkok, recommended that no mercy be shown to Yodchart Suaphoo. 23, a drug addict. The condemned man replied: Please kill me' within 24 hours. Take me and shoot me at the mouth of the cave."

Yodchart's request is unlikely to be met. All executions in Thailand are carried out in Bangkwang Prison, north of Bangkok, where 197 men are on death row.

The prisoner is chained to a wooden crucifix with his back to the executioner. Behind the crucifix is a white sheet on which a target is placed. The executioner uses a Blackmann semi-automatic machinegun. As Yodchart was led from

the court, he said: "I want to apologise to the family of this girl. I want to pay for my crime." He said he could not help himself because of his drug addiction. He had earlier told the court: "I am not drunk and not drugged today. I want the court to kill me to point out

what I have done wrong."
The shaven-headed Yodchart wore the brown uniform of Kanchanaburi Prison. He



Prisoners are strapped to a cross before being shot

were chained together. Judge Somehat Thanyavinichkul ordered his execution after one day of evidence, which was not contested. The sentence must still be confirmed by the Supreme Court and by the

Yodchart, who was disrobed at the Tham Khaopoon temple in Kanchanaburi after being arrested for the killing, admit-ted murder, concealing Miss Masheder's body and destroying evidence of the crime. He told police he had offered to show Miss Masheder around when she cycled to the temple on December 10.

He said: "She was alone, a very beautiful girl. I took her around the first cave and then offered to show her other caves near by. She came with me. We were above a cave looking down and I suddenly said,

'Look there.' She looked down

and I pushed her, grabbing her bag and camera. She fell 30ft, then I climbed down after her. The cave was full of rubbish. I pushed her body to the side so she could not be seen from above and climbed out. She had very little, just 500 baht [EI2] and a

Later, in a reconstruction during which Yodchart was attacked by a mob of about 200 people — he told police that he killed Miss Masheder by smashing a rock over her head after she tried to stop him from stealing her bag. He also admitted the rape of an Austrian tourist, Inge

Holecek, 45, three days before the murder, although this was not one of the charges. The court was told that he had a long criminal record and had

a week when Thailand resquad after a nine year break.

Last Sunday a Thai man
found guilty of two murders,
including a policeman, was
executed in Bangkwang.

Miss Masheder's body was
found in the same

found in the cave near Yodchart's temple, which straddles the former Burma-Siam "death railway", on January 14. She had been on a round-the-world backpacking tour before planning to start her career as a lawyer with a firm of solicitors in London.

Jackie Masheder, from Wincle. Cheshire, searched Thailand for two weeks after she failed to return home for Christmas. After her body was found her father said: "She was just in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Yorkhart's swift trial is seen as an attempt by the Thai Government to reassure tourists that the country is safe to visitors will not be tolerated.

Before the trial the religious council in Kanchanaburi an-nounced that it had sacked the abbot of Tham Khaopoon for neglect. The Thui Religious Affairs Department is also investigating allegations that three other monks were involved in drug-taking at the temple and that women were procured by the monks for sex.



Yodchart Suaphoo after being sentenced to death for Joanne Masheder's murder

Village mourns victim it had taken to its heart

universally loved, her family and friends were told at her

village church in Winele, Cheshire, the Rev David Moir said that the family of the 23-year-old backpacker should not allow her murder to make them bitter and resentful.

The death of Miss Masheder, a newly qualified solicitor on the last leg of a round the world trip, had left, village, but that it was a this village to their hearts and for whom, naturally, that feeling is reciprocated.

"Not only that, but Jo had been so universally loved and proud, about to set out on a career in her chosen field."



hours after Yodchart Suaphoo, 21, was sentenced to death. Miss Masheder's parents, Stuart and Jackie, who travelled to Thailand to search for her when she return home on December 21, followed her coffin through the snow-covered graveyard into the church. Their other grown-up children. Tom and Katie, were with them.

After the hymns Dear Lord

After the service Mr Moir said of the death sentence on Miss Masheder's killer: "Retribution is the normal, human, knee-jerk reaction. Hopefully you will be able to have a more mature reaction later. It is all to do with how you think of God."

King of Love My Shepherd Is

and a reading from the Wisdom of Solomon, Mr Moir told the mourners. "Grief is a

debilitating thing and I am sure from what I know of

Johanne that she wouldn't

want us to hold on too much to this feeling." Life for her family would never be the

same but bitterness and re-

sentment must not take over. He said Johanne and her "lovely character" was in everyone's minds. He told her

Among the tributes at the graveyard was one from the Pinkertons detective agency in Thailand, which helped in the month-long search for her.









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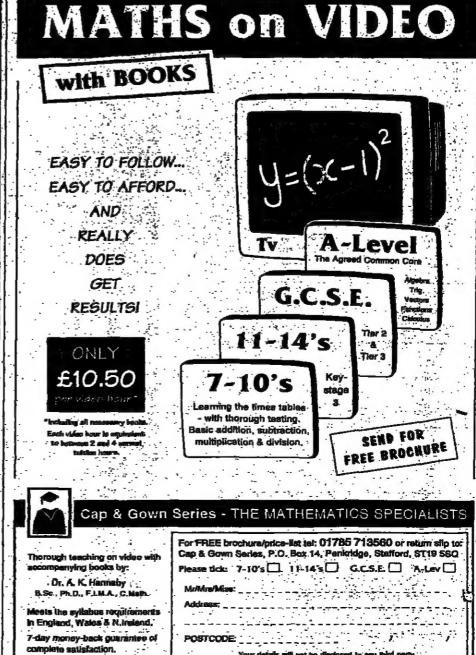
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Carling lawyers complain at ruling

BY A STAFF REPORTER

SOLICITORS acting for Julia Carling, who lost her claim on Tuesday that she was being harassed by the press, said that the ruling illustrated the unsatisfac-tory nature of the selfregulatory system for curhing press abuse.

In a letter to Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, they said that the estranged wife of the England rugby captain Will Carling had been subjected to gross intrusion after revelations of her husband's friendship with the Princess of Wales.

Earlier, the Press Complaints Commission had turned down claims by Mrs Carling that she had been harassed by photog-raphers and that her privacy had been invaded. The commission said that interviews she had given about her private life could not be discounted when considering her complaint.

"Persons who put matters involving their private life into the public domain may not be able to claim protection when articles are published without their consent and which seek to comment on clarify or contrast the impression given by the information provided by the persons concerned, it said. Mrs Carling had clearly done that through "articles designed in part to enhance her image and promote her career and in pursuance of her contractual obligation to publicise herself".

Pledges of investment ring hollow as employees are not paid



Eigg loses faith in elusive laird

ISLANDERS on Eigg in the Inner Hebrides are becoming increasingly doubtful that their mysterious new German laird will deliver his promise to invest millions of pounds in

their community.

Marlin Eckhard Maruma, who describes himself as an avant-garde abstract artist. has not been seen on the since last summer. Efforts by the islanders to contact him have been unsuccessful.

Herr Maruma bought the five by seven mile island of Eigg for about £1.6 million last March from Keith Schellenberg, a businessman who had been involved in a long feud with islanders.

At the time he bought Eigg. Gaelic for "the notch". Herr Maruma said he would self his paintings to finance new shops, a luxury hotel, holiday chalets and a high-speed ferry for the island. But the residents' association this week produced a statement saying that it had lost all confidence in the absent landlord, "He has failed to fulfil any of his initial promises and there has been a complete lack of response to any of our attempts at communication." it said.

Three islanders employed by him have not been paid since December. Donald Macfadyen, who looks after livestock for Herr Maruma. says: "I've seen nothing for five weeks." Neil Robertson says: "My wages are now a week later than they normally are. The rumours about Mr



Maruma's financial difficul-

Schellenberg: feud

ries are a great concern." Many of the holiday homes on Eigg are now in a serious state of neglect and there are concerns about the dwindling population. In the past 18 months 15 islanders have left.

18 MONTHS

itants to 60. Many of the vounger islanders are out of work. A community buyout is being planned.

Yesterday Herr Maruma said that Eigg was not for sale. He claimed he would travel to the island in the next fortnight to dispel locals' worries. "At the moment I do not want to sell Eigg," he said. "I love Eigg and in the next couple of weeks I will visit the island to clear things up. I am the owner and want to stay the owner. At the moment I do not need to self it. I have taken a new loan to develop Eigg."

Little is known about Herr Maruma's private life. He is in his forties and is said to have luxurious homes in Stuttgart and Los Angeles. He claims his paintings sell for up to £300,000 and have been Jean-Paul Sartre, but he is not well-known in the art world. The public prosecutor's of-

fice in Stuttgart is investigat-ing financial transactions involving Herr Maruma and the island is believed to have been used as collateral against a loan of more than £200,000 made by a German business-man living in Hong Kong. Herr Maruma says this loan has been taken out to renovate the island.

One resident, Colin Carr, is optimistic that a community buyout might be achieved. He believes Herr Maruma genuinely wanted to help the people of Eigg when he first took over and might be sympathetic to the idea. "We have been in touch with funding bodies who might be prepared to back a buyout." Mr Carr said.

Cereal ads 'encourage children to eat sugar'

BY PETER FOSTER

CEREAL makers are bending advertising rules to encourage children to eat sugary, low-fibre breakfast foods; the Consumers' Association said yesterday. The use of characers such as the Sugar Puffs Honey Monster and Frosties' Tony the Tiger blurred the line between advertising and entertainment and encouraged children to pester parents into buying a particular brand, it said.

The association's magazine, Which?, said it was concerned that advertisements were encouraging children to eat foods high in sugar, fat and salt. It intends to raise the issue with the Independent Television Commission. arguing that the commission should follow the spirit, not

the letter, of its rules. The commission said that children understood the difference between editorial programming and advertise-ments. "We have no problem with Tony Tiger or the Honey Monster. They do not make any misleading claims. "Sugar Puffs are only bad

for children if they eat nothing but Sugar Puffs. but that is never suggested. These adverts do not bend the rules and are a legitimate form of advertising."

Advertising Standards Authority guidelines for children's commercials say advertisers "should not actively encourage [children] to make a nuisance of themselves". An authority spokesman said: "I do not think these adverts actively encourage children to bother their parents."

The Which? report also tells slimmers to be sceptical of cereals aimed at them. It said that Kelloggs Special K. advertised by women with sylph-like bodies, had twice the sugar and the same amount of fibre as Kelloggs Corn Flakes. The healthiest cereal was said to be Shredded Wheat.

Kelloggs said that its brands contained many nutrients vital to health and growth and had a positive role to play in a halanced diet.

数国限制制制多 Mother in death case given bail

The mother of Abigail Watts, who died aged 14 months in hospital after a breathing tube became dislodged from her mouth, appeared in court charged with her murder. Julie Watts 29, from Little Hulton, Greater Manchester. was given bail until March 13 by Salford magistrates. Her daughter, who had a de-formed head and breathing difficulties, died at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital last August.

Boy accused

A boy aged 14, who is accused of murdering a pensioner, was remanded into council care by magistrates in Truro, Cornwall. Douglas Holman, 72, was found with severe head injuries at his home in Camborne at the weekend.

Sex bias payout

Patrick Butler, who claimed sexual discrimination after he was refused a job in a residential home in Manchester, has agreed an £8,000 settlement against Goldsborough Retirement Property Services, the home's owner.

Deafness award

Barry Poole, 55, a former police inspector who claimed his hearing was ruined by firearms training, was awarded £150,000 agreed damages. He was discharged from Lei-cestershire police in 1989 because of growing dealness.

Bill of wrongs

Two Irish government departments ran up a £5,400 bill on vice calls. The numbers provide services such as sports results and sex-chat, but the type of lines called could not

Medal detector

Roger Young, a West Midlands greengrocer, found a First World War medal as he unpacked a bag of sprouts that came from Scotland. The medal was awarded to a Private H. Stockley, No 3528, of The Worcester Regiment.



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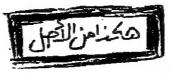
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Blair is making progress towards safety in government

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er it retains the support of grassroots Labour members. The last two Labour Governments, in the 1960s and 1970s, both failed to do so. Their economic policy shifts. particularly on public spending. alienated many activists. This fuelled recriminations against the leadership. Many Labour MPs still shudder at the memory of the 1979 conference when, sitting in their dock-like section, they were booed by delegates. The prevailing myth of betrayal led to a shift to the left in policy and to the constitu-tional upheavals of the early 1980s.

Tony Blair is determined to avoid such an outcome this time. In part, this means not raising tations which subsequently have to be disappointed. But as important is his attempt to change the character and structure of the Labour party. Membership has leapt by a half in the past two years, with barely a dent from the Harriet Harman row and Arthur Scargill's splinter. These members are now more directly involved in party decisions and elections. Following his nationwide series of meetings a year ago in his campaign to rewrite Clause Four, Mr Blair has wanted to ensure

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that the party understands and supports his strategy. Constitutional changes last autumn allow scope for direct consultation of

To reinforce these links, a new political education body, called Progress, has been set by some younger party members to orga nise weekend and day schools and to produce a quarterly magazine. The first issue, a glossy, down-to-earth product aimed at the already

article by Philip Gould, a key Labour adviser, about the battle to win the public's trust to the party: for most of our new supporters, voting Labour is a very big step, for many a step they thought they would never take, and one they take now with hope, but with some

Progress has arranged core funding to carry on this work for at least two years. Following the lead of American campaigns, like the Newt Gingrich operation and the Democratic Leadership Council, it will spread the message via direct mail, videos and CD-Rom aimed at key local activists. Many of the

volunteers working for Progress, now in their 20s and 30s, will fight hopeless Labour seats at the next election and, they hope, safer ones

The origins of Progress lie on Labour's Centre-Right: Derek Draper, its director, is a protègé of Peter Mandelson. But it is unlike carrier right-wing bodies such as the Campaign for Democratic Socialism in the early 1960s or Campaign for a Labour Victory in the late 1970s. These were defensive in inspiration and factional in

Progress has been formed to avoid such an ideological conflict. It is self-consciously non-factional and has establishment backing for instance, Robin Cook is doing a prize draw. Progress is loyalist and pro-leadership in ethos and in its primary aim of spreading the Blair message to key activists: especially. the new generation among members of constituency general com-mittees, candidates, councillors

Nonetheless, its unstated, almost Leninist, objective is to create a cadre of convinced Blair supporters in the constituencies who will support the "new" Labour ap-

proach, not only now but, also crucially, in Government Mr. Blair needs allies throughout the party so, when the going gets rough as it is bound to do, they will back the Government, not accuse it of betrayal as they so often have in the past. The formation of Progress is both a way of creating deeper roots for Blairism and providing an insurance policy for Government. Appropriately, Lord Callaghan, who suffered so much from the absence of such support, was the guest of honour at its

PETER RIDDELL

MPs bicker over bid to double their salaries

MPs argued bitterly yesterday amid confusion and embarrassment over demands for an independent review of their

Within hours of 300 MPs having signed a Commons motion calling for the review, several backbenchers withdrew their names and said that they had been misled into supporting a move to double

their pay.

The Commons motion called for the Nolan committee to recommend changes to MPs' pay by the end of April. Although the motion did not specify any figures, there was widespread annoyance at suggestions from some leading campaigners that salaries should be doubled to attract candidates of a higher calibre.

Although few MPs called publicly for their pay to be doubled, increasing it to about £70,000, many Tories complained privately that their income had dwindled in comparison to almost every other profession and that E60,000-E70.000 was a fair salary.

Labour, however, challenged their claim that they were aiming to attact the "right kind" of young people to become the MPs of the 21st century. It accused the Tories of acting out of self-interest. Salaries have been a regular

vote each year on their own increases, based on increases recommended for middleranking civil servants. But changes allowing each department to set its own pay rates mean that MPs must find a

new mechanism. Labour MPs were angered to learn that Tory business managers had tacitly backed the campaign for higher pay. Chris Mullin (Sunderland South) withdrew his name from the motion and questioned the need for a Nolan committee review. "Nolan was set up to get Tory noses out of the trough, not to make the

mough deeper," he said. Others complained that they had been assured that the motion referred to allowances for paying Commons staff as well as MPs' and ministers' salaries. Andrew MacKinlay (Lab, Thurrock) withdrew his name after discovering that allowances were not being referred to Nolan. This is not a case of us wanting more money for ourselves because we are broadly well paid. But there have to be big changes to office allowances so that we can actually do the job."

However, Doug Hoyle, chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party, said: "A life of dedication should not have

embarrassment to MPs, who to be one of exploitation. There will never be a good time, in the eyes of the public, to look at MPs' pay. Now that the demand is growing for MPs to be full-time they have got to be adequately rewarded.

Sir Terence Higgins, a Tory former minister who has led the campaign for higher pay, said there would be serious consequences for parliamentary democracy if the issue was not addressed. "There is now a serious risk both that we don't have pay at a level which attracts people of sufficient ability into politics and, more importantly, in a way that senior members who have ceased to be ministers don't remain in the House for two or three Parliaments afterwards carrying out the role of chairman of select committees and so on.

Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Liberal Democrats, whose pay is the same as a backbencher's, said the only justification for a large pay increase would be in exchange for MPs agreeing to dedicate themselves solely to their parlia-mentary work. MPs should not, however, be in Parliament

for the money.
"MPs should have a single loyalty. That loyalty is through the ballot box alone and should not be diluted in



realised in this place that we are servants. Our constituents are our masters," he said.

Liz Lynne (Lib Dem Rochdale), who has signed the motion, said "I think £34,000" is enough for a family to live on but I do believe the Nolan

pendent body should decide on MPs pay."
Michael Fabricant (C Mid

Staffordshire) said: "You are getting people coming into the House who are taking a pay cut and, more worrying, able people refusing to come to the House simply because they can't afford to become MPs."

Sir Mark Lennox-Boyd Morecambe and Lunesd said: "If MPs are not allowed to do anything else outside Westminster, they should be paid adequately. Something around £60,000 might be about right."

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Hamilton seeks leadership of backbench Right

NEIL HAMILTON, the most colourful ministerial casualty of the Tory sleaze scandals, is to stand for the leadership of the backbench Conservative

Right. His decision to run against John Townend, 61, the Thatcherite MP for Bridlington, in an election to be decided at the end of next week, opens the prospect of a bruising power struggle among many of the MPs most hostile to John Major.

Mr. Hamilton said yester day that the chairmanship of the 92 Group would be a route back into real politics. "Not that I have anything against John Townend. His views and mine are indistinguishable. It's pure megalomania on my

But Mr Hamilton's supporters said he wanted to give the 105-strong group, the biggest of all backbench Tory factions, more influence over policy and to avoid the tactical mishaps that had weakened it in recent years. An angry Mr Major once sent Mr Townend and other senior members of the 92 Group packing after a couple of minutes because the agenda for a sensitive confidential

meeting had been leaked. Mr Hamilton left his job as. junior Trade Minister in auturn 1994, protesting that he was the victim of foully motivated rumour and a media witch-hunt. Mr Major had defended him against "unsubstantiated" allegations but sacked him as pressure over the cash-for-questions af-

Ironically, given the bitter-ness surrounding the departure of one of the most fervent and ideological Thatcherites in the Government, Mr Hamilton has been pressed to run for the chairmanship of the 92 Group of Tory MPs as the "establishment candidate". Sir James Spicer, a senior rightwing loyalist; is said to have helped to persuade him to challenge 'Mr Townend, the



Hamilton: a return to real politics

front-runner and confidant of Sir George Gardiner, who is stepping down after 11 years as chairman.

It is understood that loyalist right-wingers are intent on stopping Mr Townend, who backed John Redwood for the party leadership has been a persistent critic of government policy on the economy and Europe. But the move could backfire. This could be a case of out of the frying pan into the fire," one Tory said yesterday.

Parliamentary Wit of the Year refreshing as his bow ties, has pursued an eventful career since being elected for Tatton in Cheshire in 1983. He successfully sued the BBC for alleging that he was racist with neo-fascist links. He was the star of the Tory conference in 1993 after tearing up yards of red tape on the platform and announcing that the Frame Munister wan act like a "bastard"

But questions about a £4,000 free holiday at the Ritz back to haunt him. Brandishing a ginger biscuit at the press and promising to declare it in the Register of Members' Interests did not help. He was eventually driven from office over what his friends insisted were trumped up charges.

TODAY in the Commons: ques

Labour suspends 15 Monklands councillors

FIFTEEN Labour councillors were suspended yesterday from holding political office for two years after a party inquiry into mismanagement at Monklands Council in Strathclyde.

The decision by the National Executive Committee

means that Jim Brooks, the council leader, and 14 of his colleagues, will not be able to hold party or council office during the first period of the new unitary North Lanark-

shire authority. Last year a Scottish Office inquiry cleared the councillors of favouritism in the form of reserving council jobs for friends and relatives. But the NEC decided that disciplinary action should go ahead because of mismanagement. Dr John Reid, Labour MP for Motherwell North, said: "I welcome the fact that dedicated and hard-working councillors have now been cleared of

such inquiries do not become a

vehicle for party political in-

Michael Forsyth, release details of the full costs and who will foot the bill." any allegations of impropriety. We need to ensure that

Last night Helen Liddell, Labour MP for Monklands East, who has questioned the council's spending policies, said: "I now believe we have reached a point where a line can be drawn under this

fighting and I am demanding

that the Scottish Secretary.

Monklands District Council will cease to exist. It is time for new beginnings." Tony Blair suspended the Labour group on the council

after an inquiry by the party reported allegations of nepotism and sectarian discrimina-The Government's inquiry, however, found no evidence of malpractice.





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Councils denounce funding 'cynicism'

By IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

thorities will be unable to spend more in the year ahead even though the Government claims it is giving them a 3.1 per cent increase in funding, it was claimed yesterday.

Sir Jeremy Beecham, chair-man of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said the true increase was worth only 2 per cent, well below predicted inflation. The total approved budget was £1 bilion below the amount coun-

cils were spending this year. For the Government to claim that they have provided enough money to ensure that there need be no significant

services is sheer hypocrisy and cynicism," he said. Buckinghamshire, the last Tory-controlled county, has announced that the spending limits mean they are forced to consider putting up tax at the same time as cutting services." Sir Jeremy, speaking as the Commons debated this year's

finance settlement for councils, said the Government's claim that 4.5 per cent extra was being allowed for education was untrue. Of the 119 education authorities, 31 could spend only 2 per cent extra-and a further 52 were restricted to a 2 per cent increase.

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FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

SHIMON PERES, the Israeli Prime Minister, has decided to call an early general election, according to the political correspondent of the state-owned

Israel radio, Mr Peres, who is well ahead of his main right-wing Likud rival in the opinion polls, was quoted as telling reporters yesterday, during his flight from Tel Aviv to London for talks with John Major, that the date would be announced in the next few weeks. The election was to have been in October. Shiomo Raz, the political correspondent travelling on the aircraft, was then quoted as saying: "Mr Peres has apparently decided to hold

early elections." Pressure has been growing inside the Labour Party for an early election to capitalise on the strong showing of both Mr Peres and his party in the polls. Opinion has moved markedly to the left since the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin last November by an extreme right-wing Jew bent on saboraging the peace accord with the Palestinians.

The lunchtime broadcast prompted frenzied activity in the Knesset, where a straw poll among all parties found that Mr Peres would com-mand a majority if he introduces an early elections Bill. Officials said that a date would be made after the next shurtle peace mission by Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, is due in the region on Sunday in a further effort to forge a Syrian-

Israeli peace deal. Most political commentators believe that the elections will be held in mid-May or on June 4 at the latest. Nissim Zvili, the influential Secretary-General of the Labour Party. said two weeks ago that he had asked Mr Peres to call elections for May 15 or May

Bonn: Alexander Schalck-Golodkowski, one of the most

shadowy figures of the Cold

War, was sentenced yesterday

to a suspended one-year jail

term after a trial which ex-

posed some of the secrets of

East-West currency dealings

Prosecutors have yet to

unravel how the East German

wheeler-dealer managed to

import a currency printing

plant that may still be damag-

ing the German economy.

(Roger Boyes writes).

22, but at that time the request had been turned down.

Labour Party sources said vesterday that the 72-year-old Prime Minister's change of heart may have been caused his consistently strong showing in the polls, the lack of progress in peace negotiations with Syria. internal par-ty canvassing showing public backing for an early poll, and the surge of support for the peace deal among both Israeli Jewish and Israeli Arab voters after the successful Palestinian elections on January 20. As well as confirming his

leadership for a further four years. Mr Peres is also anxious to bolster the small majority in the 120-seat Knesset that he inherited from Rabin. According to a Gallup poll last Friday, Mr Peres would take 54 per cent of the vote for Prime Minister if polling took place now, while Benjamin Netanyahu, the Likud leader, would secure only 31 per cent.

The poll showed a majority of 50 per cent in favour of the 1993 peace accord with the Palestine Liberation Organisation. It indicated Labour winning 48 parliamentary seats, compared with 44 in the 1992 election, and Likud's share of the total dropping from 32 to 31.

Labour strategists are worried that, by holding out for the full term, the party and Mr Peres might see their leads reduced, particularly if there is a spate of Islamic suicide bombs. This must be weighed against what might be seen as a cynical attempt to cash in on the anti-Right feelings provoked by Rabin's murder.

Likud has been badly wrongfooted and is expected to announce a softening in its rejectionist attitude to the PLO peace deal.

former colonel in the Stasi

secret police, was found guilty on the relatively minor charge of arranging the import of 169 guns and 200 night-vision

devices worth several million

dollars, in defiance of a ban

The court said that Schalck-

Golodkowski had broken

regulations on inter-German

He will continue to live in

his large villa at a Bavarian

lakeside resort. The defence

Leading article, page 19



Lure of seabed minerals sharpens old enmities

BY MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE clash between Greece and Turkey over the tiny, uninhabited Aegean island known as Imia to the Greeks and Kardak to the Turks is only the latest in a long history of tensions that have brought the two Nato countries to the brink of war several times. They have embittered relations in the eastern Mediterranean and bedevilled attempts to bring peace to Cyprus and

Greek suspicion of Turkey goes back hundreds of years, reinforced by the historic conflict of cultures and

the Balkans.

religion, the bitter Greek struggle for independence at the beginning of the last century, and the atrocities and "ethnic cleansing" that accompanied the Greco-Turkish war soon after the collapse of the Ottoman Empire.

The focus of the smouldering conflict has been the Aegean and sover-eignty over 3,000 Islands and islets that lie off the Turkish coast. The ulation of these islands historicalhas been Greek, and until 1922 Izmir, then known as Smyrna, and many of the cities along Turkey's western coast were populated by ethnic Greeks. Athens therefore has

seal and cites the comprehensive settlement at the 1922-23 Lausanne Conference which established the Turkish frontier, as well as Italy's decision in 1947 to award sovereignty of Kalymos, the nearest island, to Greece with Rhodes and the main islands of the Dodecanese off the Turkish coast.

Turkey, however, maintains the 1947 treaty does not include these rocks. And, as interest has grown in the possible exploitation of mineral resources beneath the sea, Ankara has also cited international conventions which delineate the economic zones that nations may claim in the seabed, as well as precedents on ownership of the continental shelf.

Both countries have different interetations of the 1958 Geneva convention: Greece claiming that the boundary runs between the Greek islands and the Turkish coast, and Turkey laying claim to the eastern half of the seabed. Greece applied to the Interna-tional Court of Justice in 1976 after a Turkish survey ship. Sismik I. started scientific surveys in the Aegean, but Ankara said it would not recognise the

court's competence. The dispute over possible oil and mineral exploration almost led to war in 1974, 1976 and again in 1987.

Retreat by Greece infuriates the Right

FROM JOHN CARR IN ATHENS

GREECE implicitly acknowledged yesterday that it lacked the military might to light Turkey over Aegean Sea quarrels, while it thanked America for helping to defuse what could have become a war over

a disputed islet. Explaining why Greece pulled back from the brink early yesterday, Costas Simit-is, the Prime Minister, said that his country "did not have the strength" for a showdown which "would drag on for some time and be inconclusive". The frank admission by the - Socialist Government's leader in parliament enraged the conservative New Democracy opposition, which walked out protesting against what it referred to as "betrayal" and

national humiliation". The debate came only a few hours after a Greek commando detachment was pulled out of Imia, a barren islet in the eastern Aegean claimed by

both Greece and Turkey. The opposition benches erupted in fury when Mr Similis expressed gratitude to America, which persuaded Greece and Turkey to withdraw token commando detachments from two adjacent small islands. This is the first time Greece has taken its forces and flag out of its own territory," said the opposition leader, Miltiades Evert.

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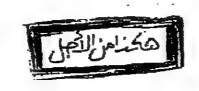
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Three million jobless add to French gloom

UNEMPLOYMENT climbed sharply again during November and December in France, above the symbolic and politically damaging figure of three million for the first time in ten

The grim economic news came as the Government unveiled measures to boost growth and President Chirac sought to lift consumer confidence by insisting that the slowdown in the economy was only temporary.

A flagging economy and last year's crippling strikes added 57.000 people to the jobless rolls in the last two months of 1995, according to official sta-tistics released yesterday, taking the total number of unemployed to 3.02 million, or 11.7 per cent of the population.

M Chirac made reducing unemployment the cornerstone of his election campaign last year and the new figures are a fresh blow to his Government as its struggles to revive the economy.

The President, who yester-

day flew to Washington for a grate visit, said in an article in Le Monde that economic revival was just around the

as I leave for the United States. one is particularly close to my heart: to help France to play its card as a great economic. commercial and financial power." M Chirac wrote.

The President also reiterated his determination to push through European monetary union, despite growing fears that the economic situation has put the project in

Alain Juppe, the Prime Min-ister, admitted that the latest unemployment figures were pledge to create 250,000 new jobs for young people this year. "We are bad on the young. We must therefore make a national effort for the young." M Juppe said.

On Tuesday the Govern-ment presented a modest package of measures designed to stimulate economic growth, consumer spending and employment by manipulating interest rates and liberating

The most significant move was a cut in the interest rate paid out on the country's most popular savings scheme, the Livret A. which ties up Fr700

billion (£90 billion).

decade, was cut from 4.5 per cent to 35 per cent. France's commercial banks immediately responded by cutting their base rates by half a point.

The new measures were the third economic stimulus package to be presented by the Covernment since November. but analysts remain doubtful whether the moves will be enough to revitalise the ailing economy, let alone to ensure sufficient growth to meet the requirements for European monetary union.

Jacques Delors, the former European Commission President, added to the uncertain climate by acknowledging, in an interview with Le Nouvel Observateur, that the EMU criteria may have to be inter-preted flexibly, as Valéry Gis-card d'Estaing, the former French President, suggested "We will see if we have to

use this possibility." M Delors said, while adding that it is still too early to discuss a less rigid interpretation of the laastricht timetable, In a statement that is begin-

ning to sound like a mantra in the face of growing scepticism, Alain Lamassoure, the Gov-

remained "convinced that France and Germany will be ready for the single currency in time and within the conditions as planned". To add to the economic pessimism, the Paribas bank has forecast a growth rate of just 1.3 per cent for this year, less than half the rate the Government originally had predicted. Eight out of ten French households have money in the Livret A scheme and tinkering with the rates will do little to enhance the Government's popularity.

Perhaps most worryingly for M Juppé, according to the latest polls the Prime Minister's approval ratings continue to fall while those for M Chirac are rising partly because of his decision to end nuclear testing in the South Pacific. The speed with which M Chirac has been converted to disarmament since he announced the end of testing has not escaped his critics.

A cartoon in Libération showed the President sweating to catch up with an antinuclear rally and remarking to M Juppe: "You won't believe it. There are still countries carrying out nuclear tests. The very idea is enough



Mud guard: a wash and a brush in one of Germany's first plants designed for bicycles, in Duisburg. A turn in the rotary brushes and a polish costs about £2

EU plans family leave for all

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE European Commission yesterday issued its first draft Maastricht social chapter: a guarantee of a minimum three months of unpaid "family

leave", or parental leave, from

work for men and women in

member states except Britain. The directive, which must be adopted as law if agreed by ministers from the 14 other member states, was drawn from an accord in December among employers and trade unions. Britain is not involved because of its exclusion from the social protocol of Maastricht. The protocol gives the

"social partners" the power to

negotiate protection measures for the workplace.

The British Government

had long opposed the principle of European Union legislation of industrial relations and had previously blocked EU directives on parental leave because of the burden it would impose on employers. Many British companies operating in continental Europe are, however, expected to grant time off in line with the directive. British firms are also increasingly adopting other EU social practices such as works councils made up of trade union and company

Under the proposed directive, both male and female employees would be allowed to take unpaid leave after the birth or adoption of a child. The leave could be deferred until the child reaches a certain age, to be fixed by member states but not exceeding eight years. Provisions will also be made for leave to care for elderly parents and other

family emergencies.

Member states will enjoy some latitude when adopting the measures under their own legal systems. They must also "take measures to protect employees against dismissal" if

Two-year target to rebuild La Fenice

FROM RICHARD OWEN

THE Mayor of Venice, Massimo Caccieri, yesterday vowed to rebuild La Penice opera house "within two years" after its destruction by

But as Signor Cacciari con-vened the city council to discuss an urgent restoration plan, there was growing criticism not only of the slow response by the emergency services but also of failure to tackle Venice's catalogue of chronic ills, ranging from floods and pollution to the impact of mass tourism.

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Many bystanders gazed wordlessly at the blackened ruins yesterday. La Fenice had been closed for restoration Woody Allen, who was to have reopened it in March with a jazz concert, provided the only humorous note by suggesting that the theatre had been burnt down deliberately by a music lover anxious not to

hear him play.
The local newspaper, II Gazzettino di Venezia, notedi that Venetians were always wise after the event: "We are good at post-prevention," it declared, "The day after the tragedy we are still promising that it will not happen again."

Signor Cacciari. a rising star of the Left, has won praise for his attempts to bring the city's budget under control since he took over two years ago, and has fought for great-

er autonomy from Rome. Signor Cacciari has per-suaded factories in the nearby industrial suburb of Mestre to cut back sulphur emissions, and is pressing the Govern-ment to stop huge oil tankers passing through the lagoon. But flooding remains a con-

stant threat. The plan to build 80 tide barriers across the issoon has been delayed because of the £12 billion cost. The city also finds it increasingly difficult to cope with the overwhelming visitor numbers. We are becoming a

museum," one resident said.





Santer: fears impact of unemployment on EU

By CHARLES BREMNER

Parliament, Mr Santer said persistent high unemploy-ment, now standing at 18 million across the EU, was IN A CRY of alarm over the impact of unemployment, Jacques Santer, the European "endangering the cohesion of our society ... Moreover, the Commission President, yesterday proposed a Confidence Pact and called for hundreds fear of unemployment is sapping confidence towards the of millions of pounds to be switched to spending on big public works projects.

Mr Santer, whose spending ideas received a frosty reception from Britain and other states, is seeking a Europeanwide push, along the lines of Germany's economic boost this week, to combat the public view that the plan for monetary union is breeding

unemployment.

Speaking in the European

single currency. He said he would spend the next few weeks touring capitals to coordinate a European Pact for Confidence on Employment. in an effort to recoup some of the millions lost each year. the Commission yesterday announced new measures to intensify the fight against

fraud. Its proposals include

spot checks by inspectors and

new leader Warsaw: Poland's two ruling

Poles pick

coalition parties agreed yes-terday on Wlodzimierz Cimoszewicz, 45, the deputy parliamentary Speaker, as the new Prime Minister to lead a restruffled Cabinet. Mr Cimotrewicz's former

communist Democratic Left Alliance and its Polish Peasant Party partner made the choice after Jozef Olcksy resigned as Prime Minister on Friday over allegations he had spied for Moscow. Mx Cimostewicz, a forme

Justice Minister, has 14 days to appoint a Cabinet and submit it to a vote of confidence in parliament. (Reuter)



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Free shares bonanza for A&L members

THREE MILLION qualifying members of Alliance & Leicester will receive an average £900 payout in a free share distribution in April 1997, when the society turns itself into a bank.

A&L owns Girobank, which it bought from the Government in 1990, and is aware that the move could upset its 1.3 million Girobank customers who will not benefit, unless they are also saving or bor-rowing members of A&L

Peter White, chief executive of A&L, said the new bank bank and the rest of the group. after flotation. For instance, under the structure at flotation. A&L and Girobank will each have a banking ficence and will have to maintain

separate Treasury operations.
It is understood Mr White is considering a private Bill that would enable him to merge

A&L is still fine tuning its flotation plans. The free shares will be distributed to borrowers with mortgages of not less than £100 and savers with not less than £100 in a share account, who were with the society on December 31, 1995 and remain until the

additional variable payment to longer-term savers. This model is seen as acceptable to the Building Societies Com-mission, which must approve

the plans, and will save a court case to determine legality. A&L, is thought to favour paying out a greater propor-tion of its funds in a flat-rate payment. Mr White refused to give details yesterday, saying it was a commercial matter

Savers warned on society rates

The association found that savers with smaller building societies consistently received better rates than those with the bigger banks and building societies. Over five years £10,000 in an average build ing society notice account would have grown by £3,387 for an ordinary taxpayer, compared with £3,007 in an aver

age bank deposit account. Similarly Tessa holders were more than £300 before off with an average building society than they were with an average bank. Building society customers with instant. access and notice accounts at the smaller societies also did

AFTER 100 years of working

together, the Halifax Building

Society and Sun Alliance are

to part company.

The Halifax, the UK's biggest building society, is transferring its £300 million.

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Royal Insurance from June. General Accident, the UK's largest insurer, and Legal & General, will also lose ac-

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Halifax to end Sun link

BY MARIANNE CURPILEY

fion of premium income re-

spectively. Sun Alliance yes-terday expressed disappoint-ment that it had failed to win

the confract. But it said that

the Halifax was offering poor

terms and only a three year contract which, with the vari-able UK weather, was too short. The lost business is

worth £160 million in premium income. A spokesman said: While we

are disappointed to lose the

premium income, it is not in the

He said the decision to float followed a review of the longterm needs of the business last year and was influenced by Provincial by Abbey National.

Abbey's success, Mr White went on, "led us to believe that the acquisition of a building conversion. Children are not entitled to vote and so do not entitled to vote and so do not equalify for free shares but they will receive a cash bonus.

The A&L flotation plans follow the Halifax and Woolwich model of a flat distribution to all members and an enable three million members and an enable three million members. to realise the value of their membership rights.

The building society windfall bonanza will spread around E17 billion among savers and borrowers of socieries that have been taken over or wish to convert into banks.

Abbey National set the ball rolling in 1989 with its stock market flotation in which members received free shares worth £100. The game began again in April 1994 with the announcement of the Lloyds Bank takeover of the Cheltenham & Gloocester Building Society. In August 1995, quali-lying C&G savers received payouts as high as £14,044. But the society's 384,000 bor-rowers were excluded, as were 100,000 savers, following a

High Court ruling.

The discontent caused by this ruling lies behind Mr share distribution plans.

News of the Halifax merger with the Leeds and the planned 69 billion floration came in November 1994. ceive a basic distribution of shares, worth between 5800 and £1,000. An additional variable distribution of free shares will also be given to long term savers with between

ELODO and ESO.000 invested. Members of the N&P vote on the Abbey National's £1.35 billion takeover of their society in April, while the £3 billion Woolwich flotation, scheduled for September 1997, will be based on the Halifax model.

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for us to operate on margins so

thin that we would sacrifice

profitability, particularly dur-

the UK insurance cycle."

ing the current downturn in

Shares in Sun Alliance fell

7p to 370p and General Acci-

dent 5p to 649p yesterday. Royal said that the transfer.

which includes business from

the Leeds Building Society with which the Halifax

merged last year, would take

Crisis talks loom for store-to-door service

A BUSINESS supplying more than 2,500 J Sainsbury prod-ucts to customers at their homes is in crisis talks after a financial backer pulled out just four months after its

Supermarket Direct stopped making deliveries on Monday. Dominic Scott Flanagan, joint chief executive, said: "We have temporarily

as a means of testing the

Party confident business will back Blair

Conran pledges faith in Labour election victory

SIR Terence Conran, founder of the Habitat chain of lifestyle shops and one of Britain's most renowned businessmen, yesterday declared his support for the Labour Party and his belief that it will win the next general election.

Sir Terence's statement made to The Times at the launch of a Labour Party consultation exercise with British business, is the most prominent declaration of support from a UK businessman since Tony Blair took over as party leader.

Labour leaders were delighted by his backing since. as the founder of Habitat and cessiol and fashionable London restaurants, Sir Terence has been an inspiration for the middle classes, whose support Mr Blair is seeking, for more than three decades.

The Labour leadership is confident a number of important business figures will declare their support as the election approaches. Poil evidence and private acknowledgements by business leaders suggest a widespread belief in UK industry and services that Labour will win.

Sir Terence, knighted in 1983 when Margaret Thatcher was Prime Minister, appeared yesterday as a member of one of the six business task groups being set up by the industry Forum, an independent political-business grouping with close Labour links. It was Margaret Beckett, the Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, when she was deputy leader.

The task group on which Sir Terence will sit with managers from Nissan, Digital Equipment and SmithKline Beccham, is focusing on design, science and innovation. He made a strong case yesterday

for the importance of design and manufacturing in the light of the downgrading of manufacturing under

Conservatives.
"From what I know, in my particular sphere of interest and activity, there seems to be a much greater understanding by Labour about the skills that design and innovation could bring to industry which would have a stimulating effect on the economy," Sir Terence said. While he insisted he was not an economist, he endorsed as "correct" a speech by Mrs Beckett at the launch of the task groups in which she roundly attacked the economic and business record of the

Government.

Mrs Beckett said that the idea of Britain as the "enterprise centre of Europe" so favoured by the Prime Minis-

ter, rang hollow - and was one reason why industry was "seizing this opportunity to engage in a serious dialogue with Labour about the future economic strategy of this

country". She added: "While Ian Lang and Malcohn Rifkind use platforms such as the CBI to talk at industry and business leaders - arrogantly to demand their support while failing to win their respect - it with industry and commerce in a process of ongoing dialogue and consultation.

Yesterday, Mr Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, denied that the Conservatives were losing the support of business. He was speaking to reporters after addressing the CBI's governing council.

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Change of habitat: Sir Terence Conran at yesterday's meeting

BY SARAH BAGNALL

stopped trading while we sort out the financial situation. "We are in talks with several potential backers and hope to be able to start trading again

J Sainsbury agreed to sup-ply more than 2,500 products through Supermarket Direct, but it has no financial

A Sainsbury spokesman

said: "We are not going to invest in the business." He added that Sainsbury is currently researching home shopping and that the link-up with Supermarket Direct was seen

Most of the large food retailers expect home delivery to form an integral part of the offer that they make to customers. Tesco is currently working with social services officials in Ealing and Gateshead providing a home deliv-

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Government that showing trains in the advertisements would lead to

public confusion about what is being

sold in May. They also wanted to avoid any association with BR's poor public image.
"If there had been trains in the ads.



Instead, potential investors will be information about how potential inbombarded with statistics about Railtrack's finances and its portfolio of ... highly photogenic assets. They in private rolling stock leasing comclude 23,000 miles of track over a panies, and services will be run by 25 we would agree that anyone nousing at the passenger operators paying fees to them would be entirely children incl. 10.000-mile rail network, 1.000 time passenger operators paying fees to believe that Railtrack is about operators, and culverts. Railtrack for access to the network.

ing trains," said one senior adviser. and 2,500 stations. There will also be vestors can register for the share issue. The trains have already been sold to

90 per cent of its revenues from charges to train operators. The intrastructure isn't worth anything unless it has got trains running on it," said Roger Ford, a leading railway journalist. "So to show the tracks with no trains is to show it not

impression of Railtrack, which earns

making money. It's really very silly." The advertisements follow a company tradition of leaving trains out of its promotional material. The official Railtrack Christmas card featured empty tracks in the snow and the Railtrack network timetable has another empty set of tracks stretching

owards a mountainous horizon. The simple and relatively low budget campaign will be in stark contrast to the award-winning television commercials commissioned by British Rail, which won dozens of awards from the advertising industry, but persuaded few passengers back to

the railways.

George opposed larger monetary easing at December meeting

Governor reluctant over rate cut

ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

FRESH evidence emerged yesterday that Kenneth Clarke cut interest rates last month. the second reduction in five weeks, against the advice of Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England.

The minutes of the monthly monetary meeting in December, when the first of the two cuts was decided, showed that Mr Clarke had been far more

but made it clear that he was opposed to a larger monetary easing. In contrast, Mr Clarke said that the question was no longer "whether interest rates should be reduced but by how much". He agreed to the quarter point move but said that he was sympathetic to

calls for a bigger move. The City read the minutes as an indication that the second cut, decided after the January monetary meeting, was demanded by Mr Clarke and guessed that Mr George would have opposed the move

quite strongly.

David Walton, economist. with Goldman Sachs, said it is clear that the Chancellor was the driving force behind the second cut. "Between mid-December and mid-January there was a further pick-up in M4 growth and clear signs of a firmer trend in consumer spending," he said. "It is difficult to believe that the Governor could have been unenthusiastic about the January cut."

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However, there is a possibility that the Governor became more concerned, along with the Chancellor, about accumulating evidence of an economic slowdown in Europe since the December meeting, when it was highlighted as a negative

Mr Clarke yesterday met his new panel of the four wise men and two women who sit on his forecasting panel and

The three new members all argued when they were ap-pointed that Mr Clarke's 3 per cent growth forecast for this year was too optimistic. The three sitting members wrote to The Times in December, successfully urging the Chancelfor to cut rates.

The prospect of lower rates in Europe were bolstered yesterday by another aggressive cut in Germany's key repur-chase rate, which the Bundeshank set at 3.40 per cent, from 3.55 per cent last week. Dealers now believe that official rate cuts are

☐ The auction yesterday of £3 billion of gilt-edged stock maturing in 2000 was well received, attracting almost twice the number of bids needed. Gilt analysts said that the new open gilt repo market had helped to attract extra

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Fears on Hanson demerger hit shares

WORRIES over the debt, dividend and tax consequences of Hanson's demerger plans caused the company's share price to fall yesterday.

At one stage the shares touched 199p, 5.5p below Hanson's price on Monday night, the days before the descriptor.

the day before the demerger plans were announced, but the shares recovered marginally to close at 202.5p

The slide was a setback for Hanson which spent yester-day explaining its plans to shareholders at its annual meeting in the Barbican in London. The company was also hurt by news that SBC Warburg, the brokers, had downgraded Hanson shares from "hold" to "sell".

investors expressed concern that the dividend rate would fall after demerger. Although Hanson has said that if will preserve the value of the dividend this year it said that from 1997 it will be up to the newly created companies to determine a suitable dividend. A demerged Hanson could face a proportionally higher tax bill after the complex web of accounting, which Hanson has used to minimise tax

payments, is unravelled.

The debt position after demerger also continued to cause worry after the credit rating agencies amounced on Tuesday that they might downgrade the ratings for the four demerged companies. Hanson yesterday assured its would furnish the credit rating agencies with details of the debt position of the demerged company as soon as possible. It said the new companies will be structured to ensure a

balanced financial profile. Hanson's annual meeting yesterday was disrupted by vocal protests from green campaigners angered at the envi-ronmental record of Peabody, the company's mining subsidiary, but eventually the 1995 accounts were passed.

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SBC Warburg chief to head **Prudential** investments

By Patricia Tehan

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by SBC last summer.

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other names".

THE Prudential, the UK's biggest institutional fund manager, has appointed one of the City's most senior merchant bankers as its new head of investments.

Derek Higgs, managing di-rector of SBC Warburg and UK head, will take over as executive chairman of Prudential Portfolio Managers, which has £76 billion of funds under management. Mr Higgs is to take over his new role at the end of the month. He will receive a basic pay package of £300,000 a year. £25,000 more than his predecessor, the well-respected Hugh Jenkins, and his pack-

Exporters gloomier, says study

By PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

EXPORT confidence is plunging, with exporters' optimism now down to its lowest level for two years, survey evidence from shows today.

still growing, exporters ac-knowledge that the rate of growth has slowed as the UK's overseas markets tighten - affecting Britain's economic recovery. which has largely been export-driven.

However, the latest quarterly export indicator, carried out by Gallup for DHL, the carriage company, shows that its short-term export confidence index - the balance of exporters recording good and poor expectations for orders over the next three months - failing back from 47 per cent to 37 per cent. This is the lowest level since the final quarter of 1993.

Confidence over the longer term is also down, though not as sharply, according to the survey of a random sample of more than 500 exporting companies.

Although the EU share of the UK's export market is set to fall, other markets are set to grow, including the Far East and the Middle East

Exporters say that the Budget has been of little or no help to their businesses. and they increasingly believe that a single European currency would have a negative impact on trade.



Darth Vader, the Star Wars character, stalks Richard Culley, managing director of Copyright Promotions Group, which has reached agreement with Lucasfilm to represent Star Wars properties in Europe, excluding Germany and Scandinavia

Outgoing director cautions against radical change

Bank's supervisory role defended

By Our Banking CORRESPONDENT

their colours to SBC Warburg

rather than to either of the

BRIAN QUINN, the Bank of England director with responsibility for banking supervision, has hit back at critics in a last attack before his retirement at the end of the month. Writing in The Scottish Banker, published today, he says: The net benefits of leaving supervision with the Bank greatly outweigh the

risks of experimenting with radical institutional change.

world's financial system." His comments are in re-

sponse to repeated criticism of the Bank, most recently following the collapse of Barings a year ago, and to calls for its supervisory and monetary roles to be split.

Mr Quinn acknowledges that financial markets have changed and that it is necessary to think about how the supervision of banks and other financial institutions is

especially at this uncertain organised and managed. He noint in the evolution of the says the Bank is re-examining its methods of supervision.

But he adds that the Bank is at the very centre of the financial system. This places it in a unique position, both to see what is going on in the banking system and to decide whether the failure of any bank could lead to a general collapse not only among banks but throughout the whole financial system." In defence of the Bank's

record compared with that of

other banking regulators, Mr Quinn says: "The Bank's track record as a banking supervisor stands comparison with other countries."

He says that the cost of banking failures in the UK over the past decade, measured by payments from the Deposit Protection Fund, amounted to £144 million. and there is an excellent prospect that the fund will recover a substantial part of

The cost of failed banks to

the US Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, he says, is estimated at £20 billion over the same period. In Japan, the current banking crisis has exhausted the deposit insurance fund, which stood at £5

billion two years ago. He says: "The fact is that there is scarcely a country anywhere in the industrial world that has not had problems with its banks in recent years." He adds that it is misleading to suggest that bank failures will not occur.

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Rhône-Poulenc has £1.3bn sell-offs plan

RHONE-POULENC RORER, the Franco-American drugs and chemicals group that last October paid £1.83 billion for Fisons, reported a rise in income for 1995, in spite of the economic slowdown in France and the public-sector strikes that paralysed the country late in the year. But RPR said the income gain fell below its objectives and it will aim to boost profitability by selling non-core assets and reducing debt. Sales of about 10 billion frames (£1.3 billion) are scheduled

over the next two years.

The Fisons acquisition cut earnings by 5 US cents a share in the year to December 31, but Fisons should contribute to the group next year. RPR reported pre-tax income of \$538 million in 1995 (\$513 million). Turnover rose 14.6 per cent to \$5.14 billion while interest and Fisons acquisition debt reduced next income 3 per cent to \$337.8 million. RPR says earnings growth of 10 per cent per share is "feasible" in 1996.

Lord Borrie warning

LORD BORRIE, a former Director-General of Pair Trading. gave warning last night of the dangers of predatory foreign ownership of UK companies. Lord Borrie, now a Labour peer. praised most investors from abroad, including those backing companies like Nissan UK and Nestlé, for fostering good relations with the local workforce. But he added: "What sours relations, and what many people in this country are concerned about, is when the new investor behaves like a predatory tourist, here one day and gone the next, leaving behind a trail of broken hearts and unfulfilled promises." Lord Borrie was making his maiden speech in a Lords debate on inward investment.

ABN-Amro expansion

ABN-AMRO, the Dutch bank, expects to more than double the size of its London operations over the next three years. The bank, which owns Hoare Govett, the stockbroker, is to move to new headquarters in Spitalfields, east London, which will ecommodate 2,500 people, compared with the 1,000 ABN-AMRO staff currently based at three City sites. Personnel in Moorgate, Bishopsgate and the Broadgate complex will move to an II-storey building on a one-acre site with a frontage on Bishopsgate in the borough of Tower Hamlets. It will be built by the Spitalfields Development Group, a joint venture between BICC, Costain and SPP, the Swedish insurer.

Anglo United chief quits

THE chairman of Anglo United, the Coalite fuels group yesterday resigned as the company revealed deepening losses and a slump in the sales of smokeless fuel during the six months of mild weather up to September 30. Harold Cottam. who has steered the company for nearly three years, said he was leaving immediately and that his task of improving banking confidence and reshaping the group was "essentially complete". He will be succeeded by Alan Brooks, a non-executive chairman since March 1993. Pre-tax losses were £10.2 million (£3.2 million loss). Coalite sales fell 27 per cent

Lloyd's in record deal

LLOYD'S OF LONDON and the London insurance market have participated in the world's largest ever reinsurance programme. It is part of a \$10.5 billion insurance package to cover homeowners in California against earthquake damage. The initiative follows the January 1994 earthquake that measured 6.6 on the Richter scale and caused £12 billion of damage, much of which was uninsured. Lloyd's has provided £129.5 million of cover, while the London market has provided a further £47.5 million. The shares are part of a \$2. billion reinsurance layer, which is one of six in the \$10.5 billion programme.

US buy for Burger King

GRAND METROPOLITAN'S Burger King subsidiary has acquired 57 Burger King franchises in Florida and Georgia for \$55.6 million from Davgar Restaurants, a Florida restaurant holding company. Bob Lowes, chairman and chief executive officer of Burger King, said: "This acquisition of over 50 restaurants in a high growth area allows us to improve operations and profitability." Burger King completed a programme of refranchising last year which allowed the company to meet the expansion demands of franchisees and enabled the company to concentrate resources in its strongest geographical areas.

Rowland package

TINY ROWLAND, who ceased to be a director of Lonrho. on March 2, 1995, received a foral remuneration of £795,683 in the year to September 30, Lonrho's 1995 annual report shows. The figure was made up of £522,920 in salary, with an additional £272,763 accounting for benefits in kind, representing the costs he incurred entertaining overseas visitors. No compensation was paid to Mr Rowland when he left Lonrho, the report notes. In the previous financial year, ended September 30, 1994, Mr Rowland's total remuneration package was £1.56

Jaguar director dies

DAVID BOOLE, director of communications at Jaguar, died yesterday, aged 48. He was one of the best-known figures in the British motor industry after a career that started in public relations at the British Leyland Motor Corporation (BLMC) in 1970. He worked in British Leyland and Jaguar Rover Triumph before becoming the company's director of communications and public affairs. He took his present job at Jaguar Cars in 1982 alongside Sir John Egan, who was then the company's chairman. Mr Boole lived at Dorridge, near Solihull. West Midlands, and leaves a wife, son and daughter.

Molecular buys in US

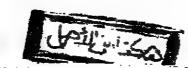
OXFORD MOLECULAR, which produces software for drugs design, yesterday announced the 19 million purchase of three small American businesses that will expand the group by a third. The purchases were financed by a one-for-seven rights issue at 235p per share that raised £16.2 million. The balance of the proceeds will be used to fund current operations. Oxford Molecular reported a pre-tax loss of £3.75 million on turnover of £6.2 million on the year to December 31, against a loss of just under £3 million on turnover of £2.7 million in the previous year. The shares, floated at 80p, closed at 324p, up 13p



Kleinwort Benson Private Bank announces that with effect from I February 1996 the Mortgage Account interest rate will be 7.49% per annum. The mortgage base tate is now 7.6% per annum.

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creased 32 per cent to £8.7 million, on sales that had risen 35 per cent to £43.1 million. The interim divi-

dend, payable on April 9, was lifted 22 per cent to

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☐ Alliance attempts to evade the legal knots ☐ Appalling precedent set by Kinnock ☐ Ken waves the One Nation flag

Last throw of the societies' dice

THE Alliance & Leicester's refusal to give details on the benefits of going public may infuriate its members, but the society is only trying to avoid the same legal knots that entangled

the Cheltenham & Gloucester.

It is infuriating to win in the last proper round of the building societies' lottery but have to wait the authorist the suppose to be a societies. until the autumn to know what the size of your winnings. But there is already the possibility of a disaffected mob of claimants to rival the so-called C&G Alternatives who caused such trouble. in the shape of the Girobank account holders.

The C&G, keen to rush into the arms of Lloyds Bank, anticipated that union by promising rather more to members than it was entitled to. The eventual High Court ruling restricted payouts to those with accounts of more than two years' standing and excluded all borrowers.

The problem was that the C&G was handing out cash, driven by the unwillingness of Lloyds to see dilution of its shares. Other building societies that have converted have proposed share hand-outs, not sub-

ject to the same legal restrictions.

The Ailiance & Leicester is no keener than its predecessors on those who open accounts solely in the hope of benefiting from conversion. The caution shown by Peter White, its chief exectutive, over early revelation of the Girobank account holders. They terms of conversion may be will feel they have lost out twice, understandable. But his insis-once when the business was sold tence that the society has been bundled in haste towards the market by too much heated speculation is rather less so. There are precious few carpetbaggers perched on its books because of the £5,000 minimum

investment needed to qualify.

His haste, therefore, might have more to do with stealing a march on the Woolwich and the Halifax in getting to the market first, although he denies this. What is certain is that once these have out there just a quarter of have got there, just a quarter of the mortgage lending market will be in the hands of traditional societies. While many will mourn such a sudden transformation, it should be good

news for borrowers and savers.
The skirmishing over mortgage and lending rates will
intensity. The new banks will want to offer the most competitive rates possible to gain names on the books — to whom other financial products will be sold and the old-style societies will have to follow suit.

to the Alliance & Leicester in 1990, and now on conversion. It is true that the Girobank, greatly undervalued when the Government sold it, has contributed to

the society's current prosperity.

But bunk account holders have never enjoyed the legal rights accorded to building society members, who evolved from a different ancestry. Consider the Midland. No special payments were made at the time of the 1992 sale of the bank to the Hongkong & Shanghai - and none were demanded.

Every cloud has a state airline

☐ BRUSSELS was always likely to permit Spain's larest aid package for Iberian Airlines. To start with, Air France, Olympic, Aer Lingus, Portugal's TAP and other flag carriers have already been given the nod.

More important, perhaps, it so happens that most of the EU's ailing state airlines are owned by



member states whose votes Germany needs for economic and monetary union, but which will themselves be excluded from it. For the next lew years, the Commission is likely to back virtually anything they ask for. This political largesse still has to be squared with other economic priorities in Brussels, notable the large state and a state of the large state

bly the less restricted regime of airline competition to be intro-duced in 1997. To pass muster, state aid must make a plausible attempt to reform an airline to operate commercially thereafter and must not give them an unfair advantage over private airlines such as British Airways by giving the failures the most competitive

less than it wanted and forced to sell its Argentine subsidiary to make up the difference. The trouble is that Iberia had its last chance three years ago, when Brussels approved a £650 million state rescue. Unlike others, however, it did not go through the de-manning and cost-cutting needed to meet its targets.

Poor Neil Kinnock, the EU Transport Commissioner, has gone through intellectual contortions to claim that the new package is the equivalent of a commercial market investment, not a state subsidy. This creates an appalling precedent for every-

one to have more "last chances". Air France's £2.3 billion state rescue plan is not going too well. It might as well start working on its application now, if it has not already done so. Alitalia is already looking for £600-900 million, though Lamberto Dini is not keen, and his Government reckons Brussels' conditions are so tough that it is threatening recalcitrant pilots with them.
In the end, however, Brussels

will not stop a big flag carrier from being rescued. So only efficient private airlines can lose

from free compension. That means the 1997 liberalisation is doorned to disaster at the first nasty turn of the aviation cycle.

Clarke's Drift

THE RATHER anodyne official reason for Kenneth Clarke's polite refusal to attend the exclusive World Economic Forum starting today in Davos is pressure of work.

This seems strange given that there is not that much routine economic stewardship needed at the moment, not even the pleasure of meeting Eddie George and deciding to cut base rates." But we can now see what was really behind the Chancellor's wish to stay at home. He has been filling his days waving the One Nation Tory flag in the faces of his right-wing detractors. He has defended the likelihood

of a single currency, an excruciating lack of loyalty to the agnostic line agreed by the Cabinet. With education still incandescent as a political issue, Mr Clarke also wants more spending on training. He has now called into question one of his Prime Minister's key longterm economic aims, to get public spending below 40 per

cent of GDP. Our doughty Chancellor said he did not think that this was either possible or desirable in an advanced economy - not what John Major wants to hear from

his own left-hand man. In truth, the Chancellor is a One Nation one-man band, trying to close the blue water between his kind of Toryism and Mr Blair as fast as Mr Major and the right are trying to widen it. Lucky for Mr Clarke that Michael Portillo is safely tucked away in Davos.

Designer politics

TIME was when the political parties used to squabble over how many pop stars they could fit on board. Now it is businessmen. Sir Terence Conran is certainly a typical Thatcherite 1980s figure, in that he rode the takeover boom until falling off now he clambers on to the Blairwagon. Perhaps executives should concentrate on what they do best, running businesses, and spare us their political views. Sir Terence's polling intentions are of no particular psephological relevance either; he has one vote, and so does everyone else.

Elf Enterprise venture to be taken apart

ELF Enterprise Petroleum. asset sales as the reorganisation will give EH and Enter-(EEP), the loss-making joint venture between Enterprise Oil and Elf, the French energy group, is to be taken apart and its North Sea assets shared between the The dismemberment of

EEP is expected to lead to 129 per cent stake, formed

prise separate control over the raise £400 million of exoil assets, which include shares in the Nelson, Piper, Saltire and Claymore fields. The joint venture company. yesterday sold £236 million of

shares in Enterprise Oil. The

part of Ell's original invest-ment in EEP and was used to changeable bonds that are to be redeemed at par.

The shares were sold to BZW, Cazenove and Commerzhank and have been placed with institutions at 364p. Enterprise will take a

to fall 9p to 372p.
The oil assets of the joint venture will be split between the partners on a two-to-one basis reflecting the respective Ashtead expands in US 66 per cent and 33 per cent interests of Elf and Enterprise

in the company.

EEP was originally established to buy the assets of Occidental Petroleum. However, it has failed to make profits for the shareholders. Andrew Shilston, the finance director of Enterprise. explained that EEP suffered

£25 million provision in its

results for 1995 as the shares were sold well below their

The announcement of the

share placing and provision caused Enterprise Oil shares

book value of 477p.

from cost-overruns in the rebuilding of the Piper Alpha platform as well as the high e of interest on changeable bonds. He said: "The sensible thing to do is to take advantage of interest rates and refinance."

Mr Shilston expects to reduce

the interest on the bond debt by 1½ per cent. Enterprise will benefit from direct ownership of 57 million barrels of oil after the deal, increasing daily production rates by about 30,000 barrels. Net debt will increase by £118 million, but the company ex-pects that the restructuring will marginally enhance earn-ings from 1996 onwards.

Elf has been selling assets to reduce its debts and the unbundling of EEP should re-duce its on-balance sheet borrowings and allow it to make sales.

Fyffes has Ford results take fire power turn for the worse for deals

PROFITS at Ford Motor Co

By Sabar Bagnall

FYFFES, the Dublin fruit and vegetable distributor that ac-quired half of Geest's banana business, yesterday said it was in a strong position to make

further acquisitions. Neil McCann, chairman, said that, in spite of two years' substantial expansion, its cash position remained strong and it has the capacity to take advantage of attractive opportunities". Fyffes, with the Windward Islands Banana Development Company, paid £147.5 million for Geest's burnana business.

Pylles lifted its pre-tax profits from IrE36.1 million to IrE42 million in the year to October 31 on turnover up from Ir£874.5 million to Ir£1.1 billion. Net cash rose to Ir£68.5 million, from 1r256.3 million. The final dividend, due on April 17, rises 10 per cent to 1rl.195p, making 1rl.6674p, up 10 per cent. Tempus, page 26

suffered a downtum in 1995, billion from \$128.4 billion. but the company anticipates a Alex Trotman, chairman and chief executive, said the gradual improvement this year as it completes the launch company had a good first half,

and revenues rose to \$137.1

plunged to \$213 million from

\$911 million overseas. Ford

sold 6.6 million (6.85 million)

vehicles worldwide in 1995.

By A CORRESPONDENT

of new models.

America's second-largest car manufacturer behind but problems emerged in the final six months. "Second-half automotive results were impacted by lower US produc-General Motors earned \$660 million in the fourth quarter, compared with \$1.6 billion in tion volume and an unprecedented number of major the final quarter of 1994. Revenues were \$34.5 billion, product launches," he said." These included the new up slightly from \$33.6 billion. Its key US automotive oper-Ford Taurus, Mercury Sable,

Ford P-Series pickup and the new Ford Fiesta and Ford ations carned \$168 million in the final quarter, compared Galaxy minivan in Europe. with \$745 million last time. Net income from Ford's Outside the United States, worldwide automotive operaautomotive operations in-curred a loss of \$152 million, tions fell to \$2 billion from \$3.9 billion in 1994. Automotive profits dipped to \$1.8 billion from \$3 billion in the US, and compared with a profit of \$374

Ford reported earnings of \$4.1 billion, down 22 per cent from a record \$5.3 billion in 1994, while worldwide sales

only £8m in shake-up

S&N saves

BY ALANDAU MUKRAY

SCOTTISH & Newcastle, the brewing and leisure company, will save just £8 million this year from the integration of recent acquisition Courage despite making a £150 million provision for job cuts and writedowns.

However, S&N said that the savings should rise to £45 million next year and reach £75 million by 1998.

The company intends to develop up to 1,000 new sites as Chef and Brewer restaurants. But development will be matched by the divestment of unprofitable sites.

S&N's brewing arm, Scottish Courage, will concentrate on premium brand lagers and beers, while the company's leisure interests will seek to expand in Belgium, the UK, France and Germany. The plans impressed the City and the shares rose 7p to 634p.

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY ASHTEAD Group, the plant hire specialist, continued to dely the depressed





Peter Lewis unveiled a profits rise of 32 per cent



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Another record breaking performance overnight on Wall Street, that saw the Dow Jones industrial average soar more than 70 points, set the scene for an early mark-up in

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But as the day wore on, the FT-SE 100 index saw an early 22 point lead reduced to just 5 points before bouncing back to close 24.0 up at 3.759.3. Turnover topped more than one billion shares for the first time this year. But market-makers re-

mained in a cautious mood. last night while they were still awaiting the outcome of the full Federal Reserve Open Market committee meeting.

Later today the Bundesbank meets to discuss the possibility of another cut in German rates after a further softening in the repo rate yesterday. in London, early interest

remained focused on Hanson after the decision on Tuesday to split the group into four separate parts. Hanson dropped 9p to 2023 p as brokers tried to assess the consequences for shareholders of the move and speculate about the possibility of buyers emerging for various parts of the empire. A further 62 million shares had traded by

Enterprise Of fell 13p to 368p after Elf Enterprise Petroleum, a joint venture company between Enterprise and Elf Acquitaine, unloaded its entire holding. As part of a bought deal BZW led a consortium that paid 360p for 63.72 million shares, 12.9 per cent of the company, worth an esti-mated £230 million. The shares were later placed with domestic and foreign institu-tional investors at 364p a share, bringing the consor-tium a profit of £2.5 million on the transaction.

The move is part of a plan to split up Elf Enterprise Petroleum's assets and debts in proportion to their respective stakes. It also includes plans

outstanding bonds.
Persistent talk that a foreign bidder may be about to pounce sent shares of Yorkshire Electricity soaring 35p to 719p as turnover reached more than I million shares.



Lord Hanson yesterday. His shares fell after news of the split

Word is that a consortium of international banks, including several from Japanese, are putting together the funding for West Coast, a US utilities group, to make an offer of a share. This would value Yorkshire at more than £1.2 billion. But any such a move is likely to be postponed until after today's local byelection at Hemsworth.

offering numerous opportunities for revenue growth and

Henderson Crosthwaite was also behind a lp rise to 204p in Rolls-Royce. It has been suggested that Brian Newman of Henderson is about to publish some bullish

There is also talk that the group could be near to

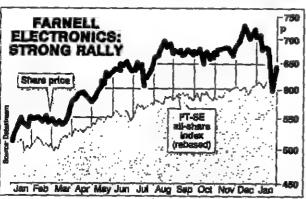
Keep an eye on Bardon, the aggregates supplier, where the price ended 12p firmer at a new high 382p. By the close of business, more than 9 million shares had changed hands, with SBC Warburg, the broker, said to be bidding aggressively for stock. The speculators claim a bid could be just round the corner.

Farnell Electroples continued to make up recent lost ground, adding 9p at 646p in the wake of a buy recommendation from Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker.

The shares fell sharply last week after news that it is about to treble in size with the acquisition of Premier Industrial in the US. Henderson describes the Premier acquisition as a "brilliant" deal

clinching orders of \$1 billion at an air show in the Far East next week.

Measures being taken to boost the French and German economies to prevent them sliding into recession could also be positive news for some British companies. Those with a strong presence in either country saw their shares marked higher. Pilkington rose 62p to 1982p. British



Steel, 44 p to 1734 p, Redland. 14p to 399p, ICI, 24p to 827p and RMC Group 30p to

Lloyds Chemists marked time at 445p, still waiting to see if Gehe of Germany launches a counter-bid. Lloyds is the subject of a bid of 412p a share from UniChem, valuing the entire company at £514 million. But after a period of intense speculation Gebe finally admitted on Tuesday that it was considering mak-

Lloyds said yesterday that it planned to apply pressure to Gene during the next few days to determine whether it intended to make such a bid. In the meantime, it has told shareholders to take no action. JD Wetherspoon, the pubs

operator, was busily playing down speculation that it is about to be bid for by Bass. A spokesman for the company aid: "There is absolutely no foundation to this. Tim Mar tin, chairman, has no plans to sell out. We want to keep our independence."

The Wetherspoon share price responded with a rise of lp to 748p. The company has quickly established itself in the drinks trade by offering cutprice beer, undercutting those pubs with exclusive supply agreements with the big

GILT EDGED: There was a positive response to the latest E3 billion auction, which was 1.96 times subscribed. But with the market having already taken this into account, prices then lost ground steadily. reflecting similar weakness on overseas bond markets.

Brokers described conditions as "nervous" with investors anxiously awaiting the outcome of today's Bundesbank meeting and tomorrow's US payroll numbers.

In the futures pit, the March series of the long gilt finished £710 lower at £110716 as a total of 87,000 contracts were In long-dated issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2013 fell £1532 10 £1012932, while at the

shorter end of the market, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £316 easier at £1042732. □ NEW YORK: Industrials in late-mornin trading, but the overall mar-ket traded higher in anticipation of an announcement on interest rates. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 3.25 points at 5,377.96

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Breaking up is hard to do

AFTER suffering years of carping from juvenile scribblers, Hanson has decided to throw all its toys out the window. The directors of the company are now watching to see if anyone takes a fancy to the chemical plants, brick kilns. coal mines or cigarettes. Initially, critics applauded the strategic U-turn but inevitably the doubters have sharpened their pencils, asking questions about borrowing costs, tax and

Splitting up the group will inevitably raise Hanson's overall cost of borrowing as the smaller units will not command such fine rates. Moreover, the burden is likely to fall on tobacco and chemicals, which will take a disproportionately large part of the debt. The company believes that energy and building materials are growth areas requiring funds to invest. Tobacco and chemicals are good cash

generators but have lower capital spending needs and will be geared appropriately. Tax is a puzzle and investors will have to wait while an army of lawyers agree a deal with the Inland Revenue but dividend payout

rates are likely to fall. Starting with a blank sheet the mini-Hansons will have little reason to pay a premium yield.

A collection of dull assets will always be a collection of dull assets: their value depends in large part on what is done with them. The Hanson group made its name and achieved a

high share rating in the 1980s by extracting cash from low-growth businesses but the premium rating attached to the management. not the assets. New managements will have to prove their worth and in the meantime the best hope for a short-term pay-back is bids for mini-Hansons.

Enterprise Oil

ELF Enterprise Petroleum has been a millstone around the neck of Enterprise Oil for ne years. Having paid a high price for the Occidental Petroleum assets in 1991, efforts to bring EEP into profit have been hamstrung huge costs in rebuilding the Piper platform.

Last year, the joint venture suffered losses of £335 million, including a £292 million asset writedown.

EEP still generates cash. an important factor for Enterprise, whose strategy is maximum distribution to shareholders. But the lossmaking joint venture proved an easy target for critics at the time of the unsuccessful bid for Lasmo. Unscrambling the joint venture will allow Enterprise to redeem the high-yielding bonds and

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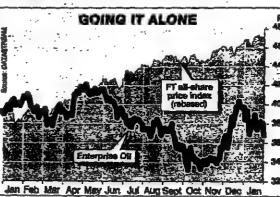
balance sheet will also in-

esterday from news of the loss on the share sale. In 1991, a more confident Enterprise was happy for Elf to use Enterprise stock as a means

Enterprise took a knock

of raising debt finance, but the shares have proven to be a depreciating asset. The goods news has yet to

be announced. Enterprise is likely to keep its share of the Nelson field, but there is a brisk market for mature North Sea oilfields such as Piper and the unbundling of EEP gives Enterprise scope for deals.



Fyffes

FYFFES is a company driven by acquisitions and its continued success reflects an ability to buy well and then boost performance.

New businesses accounted for 41 per cent of the increase in operating profits last year, but underlying growth was still pleasing, with a 17 per cent advance.

Even after the recent deal over the Geest banana business, Pyffes's balance sheet is strong and cash generation is good, leaving scope for further acquisitions. In cash terms, the Geest deal — a joint venture with Wibdeen, a co-operative of Windward Island growers - absorbed only about one year's free

cash generation. Fyffes now supplies half of the UK banana market, but it is too early to judge the potential return from the has been plagued in the past by disease and hurricanes.

However, in the world of fresh produce, bananas are relatively high-margin products and barriers to entry are

considerable. TheFyffes share price could drift during the time it takes to turn round the business. But given the management's track record, benefits are likely to emerge and advances should be reflected in the share price.

Ashtead

WAITING for improvement in the construction sector is like watching paint dry but requires even more patience. Such is the fundamental malaise in building, particularly among smaller companies worst hit by the recession.

Ashtead, the plant-hire

company that named itself after a Surrey town, is heavi-ly exposed to the building industry, but it is not a depressed animal.

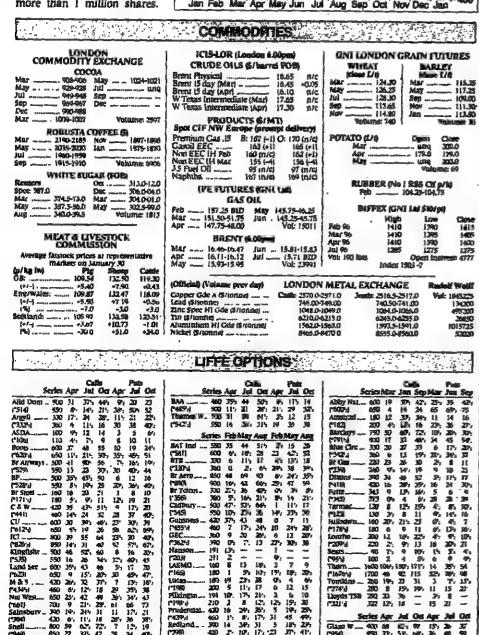
Hiring equipment to small and medium-sized builders is

However, rather than sink into the UK construction quagmire, Ashtead has expanded its horizons: forays into the healthier US market and diversification into inspection plant used by telecoms and cable TV companies have boistered the business. Such is the changed nature of the company that construction industry orders account for less than 45 per cent of group sales, down from 80 per cent

five years ago. A more imaginative pricing policy - by which customers have more flexibility to negotiate costs - has improved plant utilisation. Staff are also given incentives by profit-sharing on a monthly

Ashstead's acquisition programme has propelled it into the big league of hirers in a still tragmented industry, but the company is still of a size to offer good growth

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ori Berenson has been found guilty of treason in Peru. Now her despairing parents reveal why they believe justice was not done

IT WAS supper time on De-cember 1, 1995 in the New York apartment of college lecturers Mark and Rhoda Berenson when the telephone rang. Mrs Berenson was because her husband was in Boston at a conference. Hart expecting it to be him, she lifted the receiver. From the end of the line, however. came a woman's voice: "Mrs Berenson? This is the State Department in Washington. I'm afraid we have some bad news about your daughter.

The US State Department official relayed that Lori, aged 26, had been arrested in Peru on suspicion of aiding a terrorist plot to blow up the parliamentary building in Lima. She had been charged with

So began, for Rhoda and Mark Berenson, an ordeal which has tested their spiritual and financial resources, has taken them on a fruitless trip

to find their daughter in a prison in the Andes, and has all but exhausted their belief in South American justice. On January 11, was found

and handed a life sentence by a military iudge. As her father, hit by a despair that only know in their-

bereavement." Lori, an energetic, idealistic wung woman, finished her No years' studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology to explore Central and South America. She had a stint in Nicaragua, then El ly married. Mark and Rhoda had brought up Lori and her older sister Kathy to be independent, and though the short-lived marriage seemed a

waste, Lori survived.

he wrote wonderful letters home. They bubbled with recipes, descriptions of her needlework and ethnic music. In time she headed for Peru. hoping to write for a New York magazine. With its letter of accreditation she was allowed in to the parliament buildings. The letters home continued. They read like the typical jottings of a liberal. brainy youngster who has sat through the sort of anthropology classes which introduce American college students to an earnest socio-babble.

In Lima, however. Lori fell into had company. She was introduced to a group which included leading members of #the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement. Lori may not have known that they were Marxist hotheads, but the Peruvian secret police did and. when they discovered alleged plans for an attack on the Government, they swooped. Lori, whose handwriting was allegedly found on scraps of paper, was arrested by plainclothes policemen on a crowded bus. At first she thought it was a kidnap attempt, and

As a bruised Lori was pushed into a waiting police van. Mark and Rhoda Berenson were dining at the National Arts Club in Manhattan. It pains Mark to think back to that night and he has not returned to the club since.

Friends say that Rhoda has been the strong one, keeping to her physics teaching commitments and bolstering Mark and Kathy. "I'm a controlled person. she says, sining in the drawing room of the flat than 20 years. Against one wall is the piano that Lori played when she was small. As Rhoda speaks, her eyes occasionally mist over and she forgets the things one does when a stranger arrives turn on the lights, boil the

Berenson certainly

showed control the night of the State Department's call. Knowing that Mark, in Boston, would stay up all night with worry if she broke the news, she did not tell him until the next morning, "I had a few more hours of freedom," he said. "but then the nightmare began." As soon as he heard what had happened. Mark flew down to New York, then to Lima, where he was allowed to visit Lori in her police cell. When he returned to resume charge of his statistics class at New York's Baruch College, Rhoda replaced him in Lima for ten days. The Berensons than 30 years (since Mark was 16 and Rhoda was 15). This was the longest they have been

apart since they married. The end of that trip was a low point. Rhoda telephoned Mark in New York with the latest news about Lori. "You mean she isn't coming back with you?" Mark asked.

Upstairs, Lori's childhood toys lie forlornly in a box in her old bedroom, which Mark has turned into an office. Pictures of her adom a shelf in the drawing room. In one of them. Lori. aged four or five, is wearing the mili-

tary boots and cap

LETTS which Mark used during his spell of worst nightmares, said this National Service. "Better not week: "It is a living photograph that one," he says. photograph that one," he says. suddenly wary that the snap-shot might be seized on by Peruvian media as an indication of an early bellicose bent

not warmed to her plight. To understand, we should percan has been arrested for alleced links with an Irish terrorist group. The stakes were raised when President Fujimori went on Peruvian television to announce that the police, in their search for the culprits of the plot, had caught "North Americana". "Once the president did that, her fate was probably sealed." Rhoda

The Berensons accept that Lori was in bad company, and Mark concedes that there may be a case to answer, but their complaint is with the way it has been conducted. The military court which found Lori guilty had no jury, and the judge in a possibly blatant act of politicking, passed a sentence heavier than the prosecution had called for. By most standards of justice, it was an unsatisfactory piece of work. Since the sentencing, Lori

has been moved to Yanamayo prison in Puno, high in the mountains near Lake Titicaca. Conditions are harsh. Newcomers must first cope with altitude sickness, then the cold. There is no heating, no hot water - and no glass in some of the windows. Inmates stuff the windows with bedding. With no cooking facilities available, any food brought by outsiders must be eaten raw. Tins are out of the question - no can openers or knives are permitted — and when the Berensons arrived at the prison last week with provisions, several were turned away. The metal toothpaste tube was undone, the naste scraped into a plastic bag, and the empty container

handed back to Rhoda. Red, green or black clothes are not allowed at Yanamayo. for they are considered rebel colours. When Lori arrived she was dressed in thin summer clothes. Her parents took her warmer (beige) clothes, a blanket, and are now sending which has been home for more than 20 years. Against one asleeping bag. But they were not allowed to see her. The commandant declared that he was a human being first, a soldier second, but owing to "regulations", and on account of a lack of written permission from the Ministry of Justice in Lima, he was unable to let the Berensons inspect their but also supportive strangers. daughter. Instead, they had to such as a woman from Ohio







Lori's mother, Rhoda Berenson, and (right) Lori dancing with her father, Mark

communicate with Lori via handwritten notes which the commandante asked an interpreter to translate.

in the early hours when Mrs Berenson has not been sleeping, she has found herself thinking back to Lori's youth. trying to identify characterforming moments when she became a sympathiser of the downtrodden. There had been an incident in the school playground when eight-year-old Lori took the side of an unpopular girl. She came home indignant at the unfair-

'Once the Peruvian President went on television. her fate was probably sealed'

ness of it all. Was this the incident which led to her championing of native Peruvian rights, and trying to summon doctors for her fellow prisoners (thus incurring the further wrath of the prison guardsi?

Lori was an independent girl. Aged 12 she announced that she was moving to Long Island for the summer to work as a live-in babysitter. She learnt to cook plum pie, looked after her ward, and grew up fast. There seems to have been little time for the selfish hedo-nism of youth. "She was always busy, with not enough time to sit around." Rhoda says. At school she read a lot -Gabriel García Márquez and Isabel Allende - and books about Inca culture and South American traditions.

There have been telephone calls: nutters shouting abuse.

who said she was unable to sleep at night such was her worry about Lori. Others have sent money, which the Berensons have returned. The Interpet has brought them a large e-mail bag, and human rights organisations telephone to offer their help. "Congress-man Joe Kennedy called yesterday," Rhoda says.

Little things set off tears. Before she was arrested. Lori made a tape of Peruvian love songs for her father's birthday. It is now in the hands of the police. Mark asked to be allowed to make a copy, but the officials refused. Before going to bed each night, he now listens to an earlier tape Lori made. He rations himself to one song a night. "It's all I may have for the rest of my

life." he says. Rhoda, who disclosed that her husband has moments of unrelenting sudness". described how in the first few days she would awake and think, "Maybe all this will go away if I stay under the covers and refuse to come out - but then you realise that by doing things, by speaking to people, you are helping." When, hav-ing trekked all the way up into the Andes, they were refused had reached such a state of numbness that they simply shrugged. There were no tears

"It is a Kalka-esque system. Clemency does not seem to be part of the vocabulary, although repentance is." Rhoda says. Both have lost weight. and Mark is still not able to enjoy food. I just imagine that I am eating for Lori," he says. The legal prognosis is not entirely gloomy. The Beren-

sons' Manhattan ławyer, Thomas Nooter, believes it may be possible to have Lori's case sent to a civilian court. Much may also depend on longer-term political developments, although for the moment the Peruvian President is not budging, and, realistically, Lori will probably have long enough in that dank Andean cell to finish the one book at her side, a Spanish version of

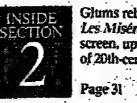
"I am proud of her strength

of conviction, and her determ-

the Bible.

ination not to ask for special treatment just because she is an American," Mark Berenson says. "but I have nightmares when I reach out for her and I cannot touch her. You know, she is a pacifist. She sometimes used to come down when I was watching the boxing on television and complain that it was too violent." Before Lori was moved to Yanamayo. Mark saw her in the prison in Lima. "She hugged me and said: 'I always wanted you to be a grandfather. I'm sorry."

was making for the door when he produced a photograph of Lori taken on her last visit home in September. It was her uncle's fiftieth birthday, and she had been her usual bright self. She had gone shopping. and to the cinema. The photograph showed a smiling, selfconfident girl. But she was to have only another two months of that carefree existence beordeal, and the life sentence which has trapped not only her, but has also incarcerated the hearts and lives of her parents.



Glums reborn: Les Misérables comes to the screen, updated into an epic saga. of 20th-century French history

Ooh aah Cantona the film star

Forget Arnold Schwarzenegger or Gerard Depardieu, France's latest movie heart-throb is the enfant terrible of football, as Ben Macintyre discovers



Eric Cantona (second left) plays a young peasant in Le Bonheur est dans le pré

ome: Frenchmen dream of becoming film stars, while for thers there could be no higher aspiration than performing a kung fu kick on an English football fan be-fore a live television andience. In the space of one year Eric Cantona has achieved both, confirming his status s France's least likely cul-

More than half a million French people have paid to see the enfant terrible of soccer in Le Bonheur est dans le pré (Happiness is in the meadow), a film directed by Etienne Chatiliez, which was released last month to buge critical acclaim.

A gentle and witty evoca-tion of French rural life, Le Bonheur . shot . to 'number three at the French box James Bond film Goldeneye, and has now been nomina ed for six awards by the French film industry.

The film owes at least some of its success to the 29vear-old Cantona, who plays a muscular young peasant courting a provincial farm girl. His role is largely. restricted to sitting at a kitchen table wearing a vest, looking manly and passing the odd remark in his impenetrable Marscilles accent.

This is not Oscar material. but its effect on French cinema audiences is electric. When I watched the film in Bordeaux, the andience did not chant "Ooh aah Cantona" as they are wont to do at Old Trafford, but that was plainly what they were applause ran round the cinema as he filled the screen. Long before he launched himself feet-first at Crystal

Simmons a year ago -... earning himself an eighttime to take up acting :---Cantona had carved out a reputation as a man of many, and unexpected parts. A devotee of the poet

Rimband, Cantona's behaviour on the field has more often resembled that of Rambo. A poet, amaseur philosopher, violinist, abstract painter and artist of the floating ball, the combi-French opinion

is obsessed with, and sharply divided over, the country's most controversial

is one that has earned him a sharply divided over, its most controversial export. To his supporters Cantona.

is a symbol of Gallic pride. handsome, aloof, and liable, like all great French artists, Cantona's French detrac-

tors, however, regard him as less on account of his volatile temper than because of his intellectual pretensions. As a philosophe, Cantona is

Palace supporter Matthew hardly in the premier league, Simmons a year ago — despite a bestselling collecmyself that I'm only passing

through. Cantona is a regular target on Les Guignols, the French equivalent of Spitting Imdressed as Picasso and spouting pseudo-philosophical clapurap. He was brought up in a house converted from a cave carved out of the hillside at Caillols near Marseilles - and there are those who consider him to be a Neunderthal who has managed to memorise some lines

But the story of Cantona's fall from grace last year, when he became the first soccer professional to attack a spectator in modern times. and his resurrection is an odd mixture of melodrama and farce peculiarly appeal-ing to French tastes.

indeed, the plot of Cantona's personal odyssey is mirrored by that of Le Bonheur est dans ie pre. The stressed and manic city busi nessman who finds when he takes on the identity of another man (along with his wife, his two danghters and his fole gras farm) deep in the French countryside.

Cantona's alliane lies in his leaving the impression that he has very little notion of what he might do next. Anything seems possible, from a career in French politics to bodily harm.

As Rimband once wrote: "He has, perhaps, the secret for changing life."

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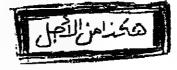
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Profits up at Allied **Textiles**

BY MARTIN BARROW

ALLIED Textile Companies the manufacturer and distributor of textile products. achieved a 11.2 per cent rise in profits last year, in spite of weak consumer demand and the adverse impact of volatile

Profits improved to £18.9 million before tax. from £17 million in the year to September 30. on turnover that improved by 25.6 per cent to £211.4 million from £168.3 million. Overseas sales now account for more than 50 per cent of production.

Peter Honeysett, chairman. said that the long, hot summer had made an impact on consumer demand, putting further pressure on retailers. while the industry confronted substantial increases in raw

The company's natural fibres husiness hore the brunt of the hot-weather problems. seeing profits case to £9.5 million from £9.7 million. Carpets remained a problem area and, despite cost-cutting. profits remained almost unchanged at £600.000, compared with £500,000, on sales that rose to £39,6 million from £36.5 million.

Most of the increase in pretax profits came from synthetic fibres, operating mainly in industrial textiles, which lift-ed earnings to £6.8 million

Mr Honeysett said that the company's appetite for growth by acquisition was far from satisfied" and suitable opportunities were being sought. But, so far, the company's aspirations had been frustrated.

Earnings rose to 19.5p a share from 18.1p. There is a final dividend of 4.8p a share. making a total of 7.3p (6.Sp). The shares rose ip to 24ip.



Threading a path: John Corrin, chief executive of Allied Textiles, meeting staff during a tour of inspection at the company's Birkshead Mill

Sales drive proves costly as Vauxhall profits crash

VAUXHALL has disclosed the impact that discounting and huge advertising budgets had on its profits last year. The British subsidiary of General Motors saw its pre-tax surplus slump from £79 million to £3 million as it shouldered the heavy financial burden of trying to attract private buyers.

The company was also hit by industrial action, which cost output, and lost sales as its higgest plant, at Luton. Bedfordshire, switched from the outgoing Cavalier model to the new Vectra. Vauxhall blamed "severe and costly competitive action in a stagnant UK market" for the big drop in profits, which foreshadows a new round of costcutting by Britain's thirdbiggest carmaker.

The results were in stark contrast to those of Vauxhali's American parent, which this week posted record profits of \$6.9 billion for last year, with big increases in the United States and Latin America. Charles Golden, Vauxhall's

chairman, said: The refucmakers to offer big discounts tance of UK private buyers to and incentives, such as free take the plunge and buy a new insurance, cheap finance and car highlighted the persistent costly extra equipment. lack of confidence which has

retail car market. Total motor industry registrations of new cars rose by 1.8 per cent last year, but that increase masked a fall of 25 per cent in sales to private buvers through showrooms.

had a numbing effect on the

They are the customers that the motor industry has been unable to woo, forcing car-

The effort did not pay off for Vauxhall. British sales fell 5.3 per cent to 294,131 cars and vans. leading to a drop in total sales of 1.5 per cent to 420,727. Production from Luton and its sister British plant at Elles-mere Port on Merseyside fell 7.3 per cent to 242.859, although. that was mainly because of the

changes at Luton. However, the company did

achieve a 10.3 per cent increase in exports to 103,300, with Ellesmere Port increasing overseas sales of its Astra model by 48 per cent.
Mr Golden accompanied

gioomy announcement with the warning that the problems of the British motor industry since recession were not yet over.

Vauxhall was hit by pay strikes towards the end of last year, and now Ford, its biggest competitor, faces similar

Mr Golden said: "As an industry, we are far from out of the woods in terms of global competitiveness. Now that our three-year pay agreement has been accepted by the workforce, we have to concentrate on further cost reduction to improve Vauxitali's results.

"The all-new Vectra has a leading role to play in support of our competitive position in the UK market. While a depressed market is no help in launching a new product, we are very pleased by the reception of the new car in its early

an awfully simple thing to have done. In fact it is probably akin to the feeling children

have when they first ride a bicycle. After days of thinking it an impossible skill to master.

suddenly there they are careening along wordering how it had ever seemed difficult. Colin Sharman, KPMG's senior partner,

must feel something similar. For years

journalists have savaged senior partners over

the refusal to produce annual accounts.

There was no logic to their actions. All their clients produced an annual report and accounts and it was the large audit firms that

certified that the figures were true and fair.

How could the firms themselves not produce

a set of accounts and allow the financial

This week KPMG did just that, And now

that the report and accounts is published and the first wave of interest at the size of partners'

earnings has passed it must seem extraordinary to everyone on the inside of the firms that none of them has done this

world to see how they had fared?

before. Like riding a bicycle,

it is a simple feat. But once

done never to be feared in the same way ever again.

There are quibbles. This

set of accounts was not

the word. "Subjected to inter-

nal audit procedures" is not the same thing at all.

But next year the figures will have to be audited. As

from this morning KPMG

audited in the real sense of

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Eurodis Electron moves ahead

EURODIS ELECTRON, the pan-European distributor of electronic components, reported profits of 54.64 million before tax and exceptional earnings for the six months to November 30. The results include a four-month contribution from the Eurodis Group, based in Switzerland, which merged with Britain's Electron House in August 1995. The company also earned a £9.45 million profit from the sale of discontinued businesses, to give total pre-tax profits of £14.1 million, compared with interim profits of £2.5 million

Earnings, excluding the impact of disposals, were 0.2p a share, compared with 6p. The interim dividend is increased 19 per cent to 21.85p a share, payable on April 9. Yesterday, the shares fell 4p to 294p. Year-on-year comparisons are likely to be further clouded by the acquisition of TC-DIS, a French electronic component distributor, for E7 million last month. Robert Leigh. chairman, said that sales were up 15 per cent on a like-forlike basis. Markets were now growing at more normal rates of between 10 and 15 per cent.

Zetters down at half time

ZETTERS said its football pools business has been severely affected by competition from the National Lottery, Football pools sales dropped 9 per cent and operating profits more than halved to £307,000 in the six months to September 30, compared with £830,000 in the corresponding period of the previous year. Group pre-tax profits were reduced to £593,000 from £690,000 previously, including worse performances from investments and spot the ball games. The interim dividend is held at 5p a share, payable from earnings of 5.9p (6.9p). The shares were unchanged at 129p.

TI sells three businesses

TI GROUP, the specialist engineering company, announced the sale of three of its non-core smaller engineering businesses for £44 million. Tl Desiond Tubes, Tl Matrix Engineering and Hollow Extrusions have been sold to the Hay Hall Group, whose acquisition has been funded by Legal & General Ventures. The three companies reported aggregate sales of £55.7 million in 1994 and pre-tax profits of £4.5 million. Net asset value at the end of 1994 was £24.4 million. Ti said the sale would give rise to an exceptional gain in 1996 of about £22 million.

Polygram in TV deal

POLYGRAM, the music and entertainment company, has teamed up with Bob Geldor's Planet 24, which produces The Big Breakfast and Hotel Babylon television shows, and Warsaw's Atomic Entertainment to launch a cable music channel in Polarid. Polygram will hold a 40 per-cent stake in the venture, while Planet 34 will hold just under 30 per cent. Atomic TV, the channel's name, is to be launched in April, with an estimated start-up cost of about £1 million. Its format will be based on MTV and it will broadcast entirely

Porvair advances

KPMG cycles boldly

into brave new world

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BRUCE

PORVAIR, the manufacturer of microporous synthetic materials, reported a rise in pre-tax profits to £5.1 million. from £3.1 million, in the year to November 30. Turnover rose to £39.9 million from £31.3 million. Profits benefited from a maiden contribution from Selee Corporation, a US-based maker of ceramic filtration products acquired in June 1995 for \$37.8 million. The acquisition was accompanied by a £20.3 million rights issue. Earnings were 18p a share, compared with an adjusted 13.7p. A final dividend of 3.7p a share, payable on April 9, lifted the total to 5.4p from 4.5p.

BAe to make second-hand fleet pay its way

By Ross Tieman INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH AEROSPACE is overhauling the way it runs its \$2 billion fleet of 500 second-hand aircraft, accelerating the drive to turn a hefty liability into

The aim is to get 70 idle turbo-prop commuter planes back into the air with operators, bringing in additional

revenue and helping to improve the value of the second-hand fleet and holster demand for new BAe planes.

That would undergin a recovery in the fortunes of BAe's commercial aircraft operations, which were losing more than £140 million a year.

BAe's turbo-prop leasing arm, JSX Capital Corporation, has 300 19-seat Jetstream 31 turbo-props in its \$1 billion fleet, and 70 of them are idle. The cumpany successfully placed 50 larger ATP turbo-props as well as a mixed fleet of 50 aircraft acquired in trade-in deals for new BAe planes.

Now JSX is to be merged under a single management with BAe's Asset Management Organisation (AMO). which has has succeeded in re-leasing BAe's fleet of 110 BAe-146 "whisper jets", improving revenues and aircraft

The head of BAe's new Asset Management Division will be Tony Rice, previously BAe's treasurer, who played a key role in helping Airbus set up its own leasing arm. The finance director will be Bob Wheeler, who was previously finance director at Ayro.

BAe hopes it may eventually be able to release some of the £1.5 billion of provisions taken against the regional aircraft business since 1992

ACCOUNTANCY

Touchy question of compliance

Ann Lamb on how firms meet

the legitimate demands of

share analysts for information

arkets depend on the free flow of information to make them efficient. So how does the process of communication between a director of a public company and an investment analyst help the market to

How long does it take for the information gleaned from such a meeting to reach the market, and how can it be seen to take place without the appearance of privilege being granted to any specific group?

These are some of the issues addressed by Dr Claire Marston, of the University of Northumbria, in a report Investor Relations: Meeting the Analysts, just published by the Research Committee of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland.

Based on the findings from a survey of more than 500 of the United Kingdom's largest companies of their percep-tions of the meetings held by companies for analysts and fund managers, it confirms such meetings are a firmly established part of the companies' investor relations programmes. In particular, the meetings were considered to be an important addition to

the financial reporting process. The survey was conducted during 1993 and 1994, the period immediately preceding a revision of legislation and Stock Exchange guidance, when favouring important investors in this way appeared to be contrary to the spirit of the law and regulation. With subsequent confirma-

tion of that spirit in the new regulations, a period of stability is now needed to assess effectiveness and to allow companies and analysts to adjust, says the report.

Companies in the survey

faced a difficult task in steering a course between compliance with the complex rules and meeting the legitimate demands of analysts for information. In some respects it would have been easier not to hold such meetings, since this would have ensured equal treatment for all investors and potential investors.

Despite this, the survey results showed that the companies believed the meetings were the most valuable form of communication with investors at which a wide range of topics relating to past performance and future prospects could be discussed. The results also



Ann Lamb says companies are handling a difficult task

brought out the important distinction between the two main categories of meeting. First, general meetings held for a wide audience from a range of stockbroking firms and institutional investors: and second, special meetings held for an individual or a small group from one Although special meetings

sensitive information.

are viewed as being more important and more valuable to the companies, they are also standpoint. The less formal, more friendly atmosphere which often surrounds such meetings can lead easily to the unintentional release of price

Meeting the Analysts strongly supports the practice

of meetings between com-panies and analysts but recommends great care to avoid the release of price sensitive information. It stresses the importance of achieving equal access to information for all users, and suggests detailed records of all meetings held between investment analysts and directors of quoted companies should be disseminated to the market as soon as possible after the meeting using the Stock Exchange's Regulatory News Service and the Internet.

For the future, the report recommends equal access to information, in particular, it suggests that greater use of the Operating and Financial Review should be encouraged to increase the available published information on the performance of a business.

A Research Committee project addressing the wider issues of the business information needs of users and of corporate communications is under way to develop a model of communication to meet those user needs.

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and this morning KPMG
Audit ple is up and running.
The bright new silvery
plaque has been up for a
while now (brass plates
being considered rather oldfashioned, the fashion for "retro" not having reached accountants yet). mulling over a client's query. The front-runner for the Imagine his surprise when a audit position is still the National Audit passing rowing crew ap-Office. Sharman is fond of the idea. It would

be a brave decision and one that cocks a bit of a snook at the medium-sized firms, which might have hoped for the job. In that league, Buzzacotts are still the front-runners. The format of the accounts has also meant that there could be a degree of suiting yourself. The detail in the accounting policies

gives it away. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards adapted as necessary to partnership circumstances, it says. This is why working out the amount the partners have paid themselves is so hard.

Under the points system, everything is, as Sharman put it, "divvied up". But the way it

AFTER all the years of worry, it must seem is shown in the published accounts means that several elements are artificially separated to be shown in what the firm sees as a corporate format. So to find out that Sharman earns just under £750,000 means

combining three different figures.

And to calculate the individual partners' earnings in a traditional corporate banding system you have to add on a rule of thumb half-as-much-again to take account of proprietorship profit and pensions. It is a quibble. But given that these were not audited accounts there is no reason why totals could not have been given also. KPMG would probably argue that directors of companies are allowed to make pension arrangements as opaque as possible so why shouldn't they?

There are other quibbles. There is no statement of total recognised gains and losses. There is no reconciliation of sharebolders' funds". Presumably as the partnership is the shareholders they do not mind about that. It is the lack of a relationship with

outsiders that makes the whole document feel lopsided. If this is a report with accounts there needs to be more of a feeling of the responsibility and interests of the owners. Without an audit certificate and the feel-ing that stakeholders are on the other side of the accounts, the whole effort feels strange and somehow with-

out purpose. This will be the problem as partners, or directors as they will have to be in the plc, become more like employees than partners. The twisting of a partnership ethos to resemble a corporate relationship is going to be an interesting evolution.

But the important point is

that a head, and a large one given that it is Sharman's, is above the parapet. His senior partner's statement is similar to many a chairman's view of the world. The year has been tough, but we have done well. The future looks tough, but we will come through. Clients will know how to read between the

fines. There is a confidence there.

In the future, people will wonder why the firms never published such documents before. It already seems absurd that other firms, with the exception of Ernst & Young, are not committed to such a step. Perceptions change swiftly. One step can alter everything. Like a child's view of the world from a bicycle, nothing will ever seem the same

Time for an audit

IN the notes to KPMG's first report and accounts there is a line which must worry partners. In the policy note on work-in-progress it says "the effect on proprietorship profit for the year of the exclusion of partners' costs is not material". Partners' costs not material? Time for an audit.

On deck

SHEILA MASTERS, the feisty KPMG partner and fa-

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

vourite for the post of English ICA president, made a somewhat lacklustre appearance on the BBC Question Time television programme last year. And now the corporation looks likely to pay for that. KPMG won the BBC audit and celebrates the fact with a photograph of its proud audit team in its new report and

Dead centre in the picture sits Masters, wearing what appears to be the uniform of an admiral. John Birt will be back swabbing the decks, ere

News sleight

WHEN news broke of the Duchess of York's financial difficulties, BBC Television's Newsnight team rang the Eng-lish ICA to see if they could supply an accountant expert to talk about the financial issues. But another chance to impress the nation slipped its grasp.

No pundit was provio. d. And the member of the secretarial who was suggesting vocifer-ously that the Duchess should give up budgies and take up racing pigeons instead was ruled to be irrelevant.

Great and Good

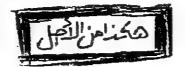
TIM GOOD'S office overlooks the river at Oxford. As chairman of PTP, the tax consultancy service, he was gazing out of his window recently.

ticulating furiously at him. Surely the topic of capital gains could not inflame such passions? The solution was simpler. The office building is shared with the local Conser vative association. And unbe-known to Good, the gesticulations were aimed at a large sign adjacent to his office win-dow which read: "Oxford West and Abingdon Conserva-

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FILM 1

Victor Hugo is transposed and trampled as Claude Lelouch turns Les Misérables into a 20th-century epic



Steve Martin goes wholesome in a largely unfunny comedy, Father of the Bride Part II





FILM 3

Sex, crime and punishment classic Russian themes, intriguingly explored, in Katia Ismailova



FILM 4

Withnail & I is back in the cinemas to mark the cult British comedy's tenth anniversary

Hugo clawed beyond recognition

CINEMA: Geoff Brown flinches as Claude Lelouch brings his eccentric vision to bear on Les Misérables

files contain a release modestly announcing "the movie event of the century". Shooting, it appears, will begin in January 1991 on Les Misérables — the musical Cameron Mackintosh will produce, and the pounding talent of Alan Parker will direct. Nestling next to this historic document is a clipping from November 1994. Apparently Polanski is eyeing Les Misérables too, although he plans to go straight to the source, Victor Hugo. With luck Gerard Depardieu might play Jean Valjean, the man given a raw deal by Fate Javert, the police inspector who hounds him, could be Jack Nicholson, or Liam. Neeson, or ... take your However, the current ver-

sion of Les Misérables is neither of these. Nor, is it a proper version. Since the director is that gaudy eccentric Claude Lelouch, this should be expected. Lelouch could not walk a straight dramatic line even if threatened with a breathalyser: he loves to crosscut between stories, and filter a primer on modern times into his mundane fictions. No matter what flashpoint of the 20th century, a Lelouch character will be there, cheering in the crowds at the French Liberation; or watching the Moon landings on TV.

Hugo's novel supplies only one thread in this crazy tapestry. Valjean and Javert come intertwined with the story of Henri Fortin, father and son; both incarriated by Jean-Paul Belmondo with the kind of force that gives gusto a bad name. Lelouch also weaves in 50 years of French history. personal autobiography, and cinema's centenary. No wonder the film is unwickly.

The elder Fortin, a chauffeur, is wrongfully imprisoned Cue the First World War. Son becomes a boxer, then a furniture remover. Cue the Second World War, when Fortin helps to shelter a family fleeing Paris. As the truck bumps along the roads, the Zimans (Michel Boujenah and Alessandra Martines) relate the story of Les Misérables. Fortin sees parallels between

Les Miserables Warner West End Unwieldy variant on Victor Hugo from Claude Lelouch

Father of the Bride Part II Odeon Leicester Square PG. 107 mins Bland sequel wastes Steve Martin

Katia Ismailova MGM Piccadilly Seductive tale of crime and punishment Withnail & I MGM Shaftesbury Ave 15, 102 mins Revival of the cult British film.

poses Leiouch's own philosophy: There are only two or three stories in the world, and we must all live them over and over." So must the audience. though at least the roundelay's pace quickens once war fragments the family and their kindly protector. They endure various deprivations: torture, incarceration in a cellar, life as a Nazi stooge. Then the D-Day landings herald a final bouquet from Dame Fortune. After nearly three hours, all's right with the world.
But not with the film.

Lelouch, acting as usual as his own cinematographer, can easily conjure up flashy effects: a boxing match among fast-falling snow, colour that ebbs or flows in response to the mood. But if you peer beyond the surface his imagi-nation looks tawdry, and illmatched with his ambitions. As for Belmondo, the French regard him; like Hugo's doorstopping novel, as a national treasure. Viewers across the Channel may be less sympa-thetic to this grizded, eversmiling life-force

From Lelouch's vacuous optimism, we turn to the American suburban paradise celebrated in Father of the Bride Part II. Father (Steve Martin) had a bad time getting his daughter married in the earlier film, a remake of MGM's famous 1950 comedy. Now he must cope with the patter of tiny feet two sets of them. For,



Liberating soldiers and French convent girls celebrate the defeat of Germany in Claude Lelouch's self-indulgent take on Les Misérables

ruffles his feathers by saying "Congratulations, grandpa!". father learns that his own wife-(Diane Keaton) is pregnant. At first, Martin faces grand-

narenthood with scowls. By the end he is wreathed in smiles; secure in his job, family, and a fully paid-up dream house, he decides life cannot get any better.

Swallowing this pap would be difficult even with the most sparkling treatment. Charles Shyer and Nancy Meyers put added obstacles in the way. Their film dawdles. Martin the limp-wristed decorator from the earlier movie, outstays his welcome. And too much material is weak. Martin, Keaton, Kimberly Williams and the rest sail through with ease; but when the star is Steve Martin you want him to do far more than mouth homilies or wander into a hospital's prostate screening

tive film by Valeri Todorovski, 30s. is the kind of product aimed more at European audiences than the folks back home. Scenes are cut short in the manner of the French New Wave, and a generally playful style dominates content. French money also helped to

get the film made. The source material, though, is thoroughly Russian. Using Nikolai Leskov's story Lady Macbeth of the Misenk District as a springboard, Todorovski contrives a tragic Russian heroine and the vicious circle of crime and Katia, played by Ingeborga

Dapkunaite (see interview below), acts as typist to her mother-in-law, a successful novelist. But her placid surface hides turbulent waters: she has sex with the carpenter. in a window if you please, and,

ist's death, Soon there is another corpse, and an inspector nosing around.

Although the script is a bazaar of second-hand goods, Todorovski's elegant visuals keep you enticed from the opening shot — of paper shifting through a typewriter to reveal the heroine's face. In reality, the novelist's finances sor, but Todorovski understands that an antique Underwood makes a far more atmospheric prop. Striking images litter the scenes: black shawl, Katia naked at the typewriter, landscapes n grey light. Chasing pictorial delights, Todorovski never leaves space for his heroine's disaffections to build into high drama; but the film's cool, cryptic approach brings

"I think we've been here too long. I feel unusual. I think we should go outside." Some

its own pleasures.

unison with these lines from Withnail & I, the cult British comedy by Bruce Robinson now revived on its tenth anniversary. These are

Withnail groupies. They scour Cumbria for locations used in this rale of two would-be actors at the end of the Sixties who escape from a fetid London flat for a rain-swept break in the Lake District. They will buy the screenplay, recently published. They may even buy the Withnail coat, long and flared, the perpetual garment of Richard E. Grant, and now availedition (phone 0171-483 3242 for details).

The film was not bound for cult success when it first appeared, although this quirky memoir of the swinging Sixties' darker side always looked distinctive. Robinson has done nothing to match it. His timing of scenes may be erratic, but his dialogue is cut to the quick, and he knows his characters. Paul McGann

takes the role of "i", the bemused innocent struggling to escape from the advances of Withnail's uncle (Richard Griffiths). But now, more than ever, this is Grant's show. Withnail is outrageously selfcentred, an endless fountain of caustic remarks, and his black bile keeps the film alive. You have heard of the

Drambuie Edinburgh Film Festival. Now welcome the Toohey's Australian Film Season, sponsored by the brewer. A programme of six films tours the regions after strongest title is Angel Baby, a confidently handled story of disturbed lovers that won seven Australian Film Institute awards last year. A promising directorial talent, Michael Rymer propels the story forward: John Lynch and Jacqueline McKenzie excel in their roles as the couple with everything against them. No great fun for an audience,

Let's hear it

RADIO

The revelation on the front page of The Times last week that the Today programme's long-wave transmission will be partially knocked out by World Cup cricket later this month dovetails neatly with Tuesday's announcement that the BBC has secured coverage of the Olympics, summer and win-

for sport

ter, up to 2008. The huge amount of airtime that the Olympics will require raises once again the question of what the BBC can do about sports coverage in the lunger term. The (unsatisfactory) answer is that the solution lies not with people who make programmes but with those who manufacture radio sets.

Digital audio broadcasting (DAB) was announced to a ianiare a few months ago. The system uses microwaves, offering almost limitless numbers of bands and impeccable transmission quality. But Half a dozen sets are on trial

around the country but BBC insiders are becoming increasingly frustrated by the slug-gish approach of manufacturers who, in their turn. doubt the level of demand for a set that will cost around £200. There is some justification for this scepticism. The British tend to swap their television sets at the first sign of a new development whereas we carry on with the radio until it stops working. Part of the reason is that a large propor-

City analysts believe DAB will have to await an economic upturn, but sport waits for no sports-dedicated network, but has nowhere to put it. Radio 3's medium-wave frequency would have been ideal, but the Government took that away for the commercial sector.

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Those who complain about from time to time ought to consider the alternative. With increasing amounts of sport going to satellite television. radio has become the only terrestrial broadcast outlet for some sports. Unless the BBC continues to sacrifice some mainstream programming there could be serious conse-

PETER BARNARD

The photogenic belle of the Baltic

ngeborga Dapkunaite, who plays the title role in an eventful year. She won the 1995 best actress award of the Russian Film Academy for Katia. Nikita Mikhalkov's Burnt by the Sun, in which she plays the leading female role, won the 1995 American Acade-

language film. In London, she spent last summer and autumn filming with Tom Cruise in Brian De Palma's Mission Impossible, and with Rob Lowe in On Dangerous Ground, a thriller from a Jack Higgins novel. Both films are due for release

my Oscar for best foreign-

this year. This fast-burgeoning international career seems a long way from her early years in Soviet-era Lithuania. Her parents were (and are) in the diplomatic service; but in Soviet times diplomats were only permitted to take one child abroad with them. Since she had a younger sister, Dapkunaite had to stay in Vilnius with her grandmother.

Happily, granny was deputy manager at the opera; and four-year-old Ingeborga was on hand when there was a vacancy for the role of Madame Butterfly's son. She confirmed in the part alternating it with monkeys and chickens in children's ballets and a fan-wafter in Aida - until temporary retirement at 11, 'when my legs got

too long".
At 16, however, after a period "devoted to basketball, swimming and figure skating", she was back on stage in a children's amateur theatre. and at 18 she enrolled in the acting school of the conserva-

She was one of a group of students who won fame by devising a show called Lessons. in Literature, which was banned after a fortnight David Robinson talks to an award-winning but accident-prone Lithuanian star in the making



- Ingeborga Dapkunaite: typing but not typecast

because it showed Soviet education in an unfavourable light. A few months later. perestroika permitted the show to be put on professionally, to huge success. The Soviet period was a

constant atmosphere of lies."

Dapkunaite says. That meant

that in the theatre we were

always trying to smuggle in coded messages for the audience, and the audience had the fun of decoding these mes-

Tronically, one of the problems after perestroika, when we were allowed to say anything we wanted, was that we didn't know what to say arry

"Still, in Soviet times, 1 got my first part in a Russian film. Baltic actors were always cast as foreigners because of their accents. The assistant director offered me the script, saying, 'It's crap, but your part will be shot in Paris'. I said yes at once: didn't even read the script. This was my first

chance to get to

the West and 1

Todorowsky's

6 They had a most wonderful time. My parents were in made me Geneva, but I wasn't allowed to drive an visit them there. Scor, though, expensive I was getting good parts in motorboat, Russian pictures and becoming and I known. I played a currency pros-titute in Pyotr wrecked it ?

Intergirl, and the leading role in Igor Talankin's Autumn in Chertanova. My most rewarding part during that time was in Cynics, from a novel by Marienhol that had been banned throughout the Soviet period. Then in 1992 I was invited

to audition for the Chicago production of A Slip of the Torigue. They wanted people from different countries who poke good English, and a Lithuanian director in London recommended me to the English director of the production. Simon Stokes. I flew in from Moscow, auditioned and flew back next day. Anyway i got the part and we opened in Chicago in February 1992. then transferred to London, where we played for four

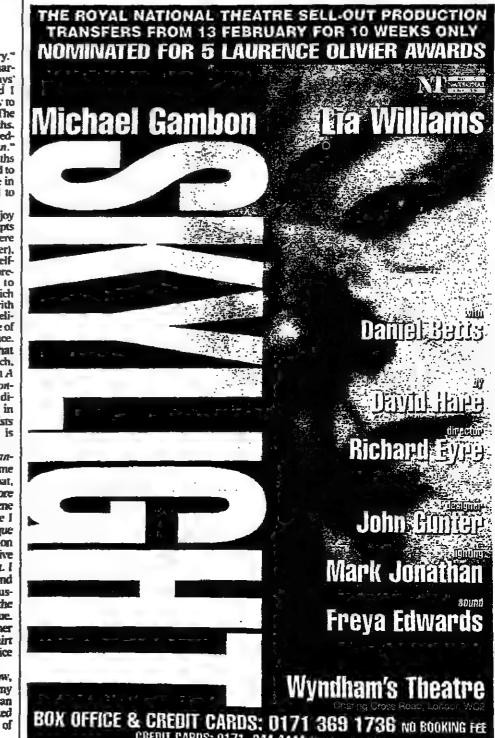
months at the Shaftesbury." The following year she mar-ried Stokes, "We had ten days" honeymoon in France and I went straight off to Moscow to shoot Katia Ismailova. The shoot was only two months but after that I went immediately into Burnt by the Sun." It was more than six months before Dankunaite returned to make her permanent home in Crouch End, London, and to be Mrs Stokes in earnest.

Directors clearly enjoy working with her (the scripts of Cynics and Katia were written specifically for her), despite a self-

confessed pre-disposition to accidents which hardly goes with the striking delicacy and grace of her appearance. She says that John Malkovich, who starred in A Slip of the Tongue and later directed her in Libra. "insists that nothing is inge-proof.

gerous Ground they made me drive an expensive motorboat, and I drove it onto the shore and wrecked it. There's a scene in Burnt by the Sun where I simply have to take an antique jug and pour water on Mikhalkov's hands, then give him a towel and a silk shirt. I managed to drop the jug and smash it. Then in my nervousness I started picking at the towel, which was also antique. I tore it in two. To save further accident. I put the silk shirt down on a stool. I didn't notice it had just been painted.

"And did I tell you how, when I went up to take my place on stage for the Russian Academy Award, I knocked over an entire front row of





OPERA 1

One hundred years after its premiere, Puccini's La Bohème remains a weepie sans pareil



OPERA 2

After the rugby and the male modelling, Jeremy Guscott turns opera presenter for the BBC





OPERA 3

One for shameless hedonists: Covent Garden revives Saint-Saëns's luscious Samson et Dalila



MUSIC

At the South Bank another night of relentless. repetition from Michael Nyman and his band



A contemporary Italian newspaper illustration shows Puccini waiting in the wings at the first performance of his masterpiece, in the Teatro Regio, Turin, on February 1, 1896

This is the real life, this fantasy

hundred years old today. La Bohème remains probably the most popular opera ever written. There is competition from The Marriage of Figaro. Carmen, perhaps La travlata, but Boheme has the unfair advantage of being able to survive even a poor performance. No matter how indifferently sung or staged, it still strikes home. It is the Swan Lake of opera.

Everyone loves it: all great singers have loved it and sung it: managements love it because audiences love it; it is in the repertory of every opera. company in the world and is virtually guaranteed to sell out. Audiences love it so much that they become danger-ously proprietorial, and woe beside any director who deviates from the traditional picturesque-romantic style of presentation. A production at Sadler's Wells in 1962 rashly attempted to reproduce on stage the squalor and poverty implied in the text, and it was quickly dropped.

More recently, Steven Pirnlott staged an abstract. non-representational Boheme for ENO, which was Ill-received -- by most of the press, at least. (I thought it extremely penetrating.) But that's the point: a merely picturesque-romantic, sentimental opera would not have exerted so powerful a grip on the imagination of mass audiences for a whole century. There has to be more to it.

Even on the surface its appeal is as powerful as it is obvious: the opera is ostensibly about young love, or perhaps more properly young lurve. Although it is nowhere stated that when Mimi and Rodolfo meet they are both falling in love for the first time, that is the way Puccini presents it and the way audiences take it, and the memory of first love is Rodney Milnes sends a congratulatory telegram on the centenary of La Bohème, the world's favourite opera

a trauma most people would prefer to forget - outside, that is, that comforting womb of memory called "the theatre". The young, especially, respond to that first meeting and everything that ensues with a deep sense of identification. I remember long ago lecturing a group of teen-agers on Bohème, and we had to pause for five minutes while one of the students went off to the lavatory for a jolly good cry (Puccini's fault, not mine, honest guv).

Bohėme provokes no less powerful

reactions among the no-longer young, simply via memory. We've all been there, done that. Like Marcello in the third act, we have all had to listen helplessly to first one side's version, then the other's, of why a relationship is falling apart, and like Marcello scurried off as soon as was decently possible. Mimi's Donde lieta, or "Farewell". in which she gives Rodolfo instructions for the removal of her belongings from his flat (11 send the concierge for them?) and her "senza rancor" - no hard feelings - must strike an answering chord in every human breast. Verismo is a bogus and self-contradictory term - all theatre is illusion - but there is abundant, near-unbearable human truth in these episodes.

Yet there is more to Bohème than identification or memory. Puccini is one of the great manipulators of audiences. The first thing Mimi does on entering is collapse from shortness of breath. Even if we have not read the programme synopsis, we have been told that she is not long for this world, and that everything that happens thereafter, including that rapturous musical depiction of first love, has to be taken in that context. Beneath that maybe bland conceit. there is rich, frequently overlooked detail in the Giacosa and Illica libretto, and since the piece is

6 Rodolfo will play a large part in my forthcoming study, The Tenor as Rat 🤊

ostensibly "realistic" we should be constantly asking why things hap-pen. Why is Mimi's introduction to the Famous Four in the second act framed by the toy-seller Parpignol's cry? (Obvious.) Why do the children laugh raucously precisely when they do? (Rodolfo has just told Mimi a whopper.) Why, more crucially, is there all that rumpus on the stairs in the first act - Colline falling over, Rodolfo calling down to his friends? It tells Mimi that Rodolfo is alone in

the garret - the shy knock on the door, the leeble excuse, the ominous collapse follow a few seconds later. She, then, is making the running, and the ensuing courtship is horribly

revealing. After proper introductions

in the two arias, Rodolfo is all for instant cogulation ("Sei miat"). Mimi has repeated the word "lonely" in her aria - tenors tend not to listen - and wants a bit more, shyly asking if she might join him, with implied copula-tion (the price to be paid) later. This elicits the first known sighting

of the phrase "but baby, it's cold outside" - "C'è freddo fuori". Talk about verismo! Here, in a few seconds, is what it would take a dozen sociological treatises to tell us about differences between the genders. Mimi wins that round.

She also homes straight in on the Marcello-Musetta imbroglio at Café free entertainment of the most farcically delightful kind: "The poor girl's desperately in love with him ... I'm sorry for her". This is a glowing example of female insight and gender solidarity, hidden in the ensemble after Musetta's waitz song. Therein lies the opera's only arguable technical fault: a great deal happens by way of character development in the libretto of the short second act, but the way Puccini sets the words means

that not all of it gets across. The element of gender war is developed in the third act in the supremely painful scene where Marcello provokes Rodolfo into facing his responsibility for the break-up and the approaching tragedy. At first it's all "Mimi's a tart, and I'm bored with her", but eventually he is forced to admit to unreasoned jealousy and general helplesspess: their poverty,

poor girl's lungs no good at all, but he's not prepared to do anything about it — like get a job. Rodolfo will play a large part in my forthcoming study, The Tenor as Rat.

And there, I suspect, lies a large proportion of Boheme's appeal, to men at least — it would be impertinent to speak for women, aithough the formerly mentioned student was female. It's a straight matter of guilt, and the theatre is more comfortable, though alas no longer cheaper, than the psychoanalyst's couch.

he notion of dropping out, which is what Puccini's eternal students are doing, comes (or came) perhaps more naturally to males, and in Murger's novel they all drop in again when it suits them, make bourgeois ity. Fine - that's their choice, it's just a pity about that girl who died. Her choice was not to die alone, and she manages it by a whisker, with precious little help from her friends. Puccini knocked about a bit as a

young man (and as an old man, too) and knew perfectly well what he was up to, repaying one or two old debts on behalf of the human race. I exaggerate, as always, but Bohême mounts an irresistibly powerful two-pronged attack on the emotions: as well as being a poetic, romantic, prodigiously melodious opera, it has one or two uncomfortable things to say about the way human beings treat each other; the betrayals, the selfish excuses, the heartless prevarications. Been there, done that? My goodness, yes ...

• A centenary production of La Bohème runs from tonight to February 10 at the Albert Hall (0171-589 8212)

Young person's guide to how to tackle Mimi

Simon Tait on why rugby star Jeremy Guscott is the right man to teach children about opera

British adults are being hugely entertained by the internal agonies of the Royal Opera House, as exposed on BBC2. Now children are to get their own peep at Covent Garden on the same channel from next Sunday morning.

The approach, though, will be different. Instead of the blood sport that the fly-on-thewall television of The House has turned out to be, Top Score is going to be clean baliplay of the sort personified by Jeremy Guscott, the England rugby centre.

Over six episodes the series will accompany Guscott as he picks his way through what is, to him, an unknown world, as a production of La Bohème Is put together. We follow its stars - Cynthia Haymon, Nancy Gustafson and Roberto Alagna — as they work to-wards a specially filmed per-The stars also reflect on

their own childhood attitudes opera. "I hated it." Gustaison says. Well, 90 per cent of the population would be bored by a bunch of big, fat singers doing nothing."

The camera also follows the stars behind the scenes, such as David Syrus, head of music for the Royal Opera. Stuart Maunder, the director of the production, and Jonathan Waterfield, the senior stage manager. The programme ask questions posed by children: are there really only three great tenors around? How do you make scenery sad? And what does Mimi actually die

The series was born out of a chat between old friends: Pauline Tambling, who jointly runs Covent Garden's education department, and Nel Romano, producer/director for 1991 they collaborated on a three-parter called Mozart is Alive and Well and Living in Milton Keynes, which won the Royal Television Society's award for best factual chil-

dren's programme. The connection between high culture and sport is not as bizarre as one might think. Luciano Pavarotti's recording of Nessun Dorma became the anthem of the 1990 football World Cup, and the mental leap from the round-ball game to the oval was easily accomplished. "It was important to make the programme nonexclusive, and we thought that by having all these sporting associations we might include a lot more people," Romano

The sporting theme is fol-

lowed through to the extent of having Guscott introduce himself from the Grandstand set, and the essential participation of children includes "aftermatch commentaries by panels of 13-year-olds.

Guscott : practically cast himself for his role. Romano wanted a sports personality who was young and who had no knowledge of opera but preferably had some on-screen experience, and Tambling vanted someone to appeal to girls as much as boys.

Footballers, rightly wrongly, were seen as being too laddish for a mixed audience and less articulate than



Jeremy Guscott sprints into unknown territory

rugby players, while cricket and tennis were deemed to be not universal enough. A straw poll of various daughters and

sistants led to the decision. The propinquity of The House and Top Score is coincidental: the former was originally, scheduled for last autumn, while the latter was always planned to coincide

Tambling's organisation will continue to spread the word, bringing teachers and Garden and going out themselves to schools to hold workshops and give talks. This month, the Royal Opera will begin working with 13 and 14year-old girls in a South London secondary school as they create their own La

"What you can't get in a theatre is the human background to a production which you can with television," Tambling says. "But television doesn't replace the live experience. The object of Top Score is to encourage more children to see live opera."

● Top Score begins on BBC2 this Sunday at 11.30am

THE title of Michael Nyman's latest album is Noises, Sounds & Sweet Airs. Adjective apart, that is an accurate enough description of the work. But whether the score belongs in the concert hall is another matter. Tuesday's performance on the South Bank suggested that it might be more at home, like much of Nyman's music, in

the cinema. In fact it is a reworking of Nyman's opera-ballet, La Princesse de Milan, based. as the new title discloses, on The Tempest. In his programme note, Nyman assures us that nothing from his soundtrack for Peter Greenaway's film *Prospero's* Books had been re-used, and he should know better than

But it is hard to tell, as few other composers have writ-

Dreary trip from Bard to worse

CONCERT

Nyman Band Festival Hall

variety and narrow range of expression. Certainly he is not recycling dead compos-ers here: for better or worse, this is pure Nyman.

Indeed. Nyman's adherents — and Tuesday's turn-out brought a reminder that there is clearly no shortage of them - must be easy to please, for there are no tresh ideas in Noises, Sounds & Sweet Airs. The music is unrelenting, over-amplified and played at one unvarying

Each beat of the bar is hammered home with equal emphasis, and textures are thick, with most of the instruments playing most of the time. Whether a number is slushy (If by your Art), frenet-ic (This damned witch Sycorax). Or sounds like a Muzakal battering-ram (Tis his custom in the afternoon), the emotional effect is about

That must be what the composer wants, for he was on the platform directing the

conscientious Michael Nyman Band and three vocal soloists. None of the singers was flatteringly amplified, though the tenor Christopher Gillett emerged best of all. Catherine Bott's "white" soprano tone and the coarse contralto of Hilary Summers were cruelly emphasised.

As in the opera-ballet, the singers are carriers of the text rather than characters. It is mostly Shakespeare's spoken lines they are given, since the songs from The Tempest had already received the Nyman treatment in Prospero's

But it seems a little pointless to set the Bard and then allow only a tiny fraction of the words to come across Lacking any dramatic vitality, this performance was dull even by Nyman's standards.

JOHN ALLISON

Philistines have all the fun

A sex 'n' religion as ever came out of the 19th century, Saint-Saens's biblical opera is always welcome back on the Covent Garden stage, and now that Philistines are on the rampage again, it is curiously topical as well in the opera they are defeated, by whisker and not before having some of the best tunes; we will see what happens in

real life, whatever that may be. Tuesday's revival was notable for musical values rather than anything else. The 15-year-old Moshinsky produc-tion is looking a little frayed and the marvellous Sidney Nolan decor depends to a large extent on subtle lighting. which was not forthcoming.

Orchestrally the performance started a trille coollySamson et Dalila Covent Garden

though Terry Edwards's chorus was on lusty form throughout — but with the entrance of Robert Lloyd's protund Old Hebrew and the accompaniment to Dalila's Spring aria, the instrumental juices started to flow under Jacques Delacôte, who knows what this score is about and what it can yield. Softly awakes my heart wa

real double-bed music, with silk sheets and an overhead mirror thrown in Imusically, I hasten to add, not on stage). tic Bacchanale, for which ev-ery Hollywood composer must bless Saint-Saëns when faced with a movie set south of Gibraltar, went with a deli-ciously lubricious swing.

The title roles were most engagingly sung. Markella Haziano, heroine of the now legendary Colin Davis Tro-jans concerts of two years ago. was making her Royal Opera debut. The Greek mezzo's healthy, firm, youthful tone is exciting in itself, as yet firmier at the top (two absolutely spiffing B fiats) than at the bottom, but ideally even in spread. The Rita Goor chest

tones will come later. Her stage manner is also healthy, based on a sunny smile redolent more of Roedean than the Valley of

Soreck, but with singing so assured and smooth you can forgive a lot, and her forth-

coming Amnerises are await-ed with impatience. José Cura is picking up a lot of dates that the Three Tenors cannot or will not manage and is proving himself a worthy Fourth. An earlier problem of unfocused pitch when singing softly is receding, and the great thing is that he does sing softly: much of the erotic charge of the second act was the result of his sensitive caressing of the voral lines.

At full throttle the sound is thrilling and this big, handsome man certainly brings a

cheerfully flaunting as much lower limb as the dancers in the Bacchanale. (And not all of it that low - I have not seen so much tenor rump on the Covent Garden stage since

Peter Hoffmann accidentally exposed himself in Parsifal.) Gregory Yurisich was an incisive, wonderfully domy High Priest and a plainly flu-ridden Roderick Earle just about got through Abimelech. bless him. A vocal, choral and orchestral feast - pity about the visuals.

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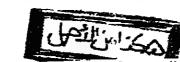
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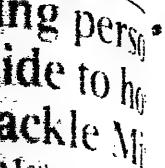
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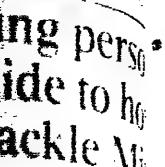
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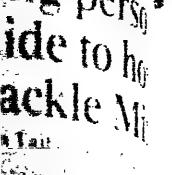
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Welles's more lunatic endeavours was transposing Moby Dick, white whale and all, to the stage. That has not frightened his biographer, the estimable Simon Callow, from venturing further up the slopes of impossibility and creating a still more massive folly on the mountain-top. He has adapted and directed Marcel Carne's great film for the RSC and the result is what we had hoped against hope it would not be ambitious but turgid and, at four and a quarter hours, far too long.

It is not that Callow has falled in fidelity to his original. On the contrary, homage could handly be more dedicat-ed and uncritical lime is missing or, as far as I can tell. added. There are times when you can almost hear the subtitles talking to you. Cerfainly, the plot itself remains intact even where the odd snip or trim would surely have been welcomed by the backs and bottoms assembled in the Barbican.

The actor Lemaitre Games Purefoy) still has an affair with the femme fatale Garagee (Helen McCrory), who is guilelessly worshipped by the besotted mime Baptiste (Rupert Graves) and regarded as their property first by the evil Lacenaire (Joseph Fiennes) and then by the elegant Count de Monteray (James Paulkner). Jealousies and angers still erupt in the riotous the atres and pelimeli streets of 19th-century Paris, Like the movie, Callow's production aspires to be intimate yet epic.

flew out of the fourth-floor window of

the police headquarters where he was

being interrogated and landed dead in the courtyard. A bomb had exploded at

a bank, planted there by three Fascists,

but the police chose to regard the

anarchist as guilty, as did the judiciary; his colleague had the good fortune not

to be taken to the fourth floor, but spent

The means that Fo employs to mock

the police are ingenious, but Benjamin

Twist's lacklustre production shows-

that the play needs more than a

hyperactive central performance to sustain our interest. Mr Hyperactive

here is David Verrey, in shape some-

thing between Zero Mostel and a curly-

haired whale, playing the character,

the next ten years in jail.

ENTERTAINMENTS

DANCE

Les Enfants du **Paradis**

Romantic melodrama, or at least this romantic melodrastage than onscreen. Every-thing occurs on Robin Don's all-timber set, a great grey jungle gym that creaks around to become a playhouse, a low dive, a seedy lodging house, anything. But the lack of closeups means that we miss the melting, shifting, shimmering faces of the characters as they are tilted this way and that by l'amour. We also miss the mess and hubbub of the "street of a million murders" that a myriad French extras provided and a smallish, cleanish British cast cannot offer. Moreover, atmospheric film music too often substitutes for the energy and urgency that would have come welling from Carne's blackand-white celluloid even if his entire orchestra had been

the acting is uneven, too. Graves, following where Jean-Louis Barrault led in 1943, makes a droopy, dull Baptiste, and his miming which is described as masterly by an envious fellow thesp, never begins to explain the roaring of the stalls and balcony. Sylvestra Le Touzel is stiff and III at ease as the girl to whom he makes a loveless marriage. Purefoy's Lemaitre has spry moments but too little of the But here is the problem, charisms and dangerous fun



Overweening ambition: Rupert Graves (top), Helen McCrory and Joseph Fiennes

you might expect from Paris's counterpart of our own Edmund Kean.

There are two successes. One is Flennes, wonderfully silky and gloating as a psychopath who seems to have acquired his philosophy partly from Nietzsche, partly from Genet, partly from some demented kindergarten. The other is McCrory in the role most extraordinary of all French actresses. She does not have Arletty's glamour (who does?) and seems at times to be mimicking her creamy smile: but some of the same confidence and resilience is there.

This matters because the most modern aspect of Les Garance's determination to do and be what she likes, where originally created by one of the she likes, in defiance of social

concerns ought still

to be relevant. What

Twist does, or fails to

damage. The prologue tediously elabo-

rates on the Maniac's past behaviour

- during which time Verrey overuses

his Tommy Cooper grin - and when

Fo makes him change disguise from

judge to scientist, giving him a glass

tion. In the early 1940s she was felt to embody the spirit of occupied but unbowed France. Today it is easier to see the film as a protest against what she herself calls the "harness" of marriage and domesticity. But you do not need to go to the Barbican to get the point. The video will more than do. • This review appeared in late reye, false hair and wooden leg, all of

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pulsive fantasist do, with the material with a relish for role play; he pretends certainly spoils its chances, but Fo to be a High Court Judge come to insert himself is responsible for much of the some credibility into the police force's damage. The prologue tediously elabocontradictory evidence. His suave logic further confuses their version of events, and the accelerating farce exposes the ugly political reality.

Since arrested persons still contrive

which come loose, the comedy shifts gear into silliness. It just is not the case, as one critic hopes to persuade us, that the misadventures with the eye point to the seriousness of what is happening elsewhere on the stage. In the middle region of the play Fo is

at his best, and so is Verrey, as his false Judge reduces the police to blubbering panic. But the rest of the company give dull performances, virtually from start to finish. Little attempt is made to make them sound or look like Italians, except when they are forced to sing the Anarchist's Hymn, which Twist perversely declines to translate into English. Possibly the play is past its shelf life. The packaging of this version makes me think so.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Saskia Reeves stars in Stephen Poliakoff's play, Sweet Panic

■ CHOICE 1

VENUE: Now in preview at the Hampstead Theatre



■ CHOICE 2

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The KGB — whose competence comes much better out of this story

than the CIA's - realised that it was being offered on a plate its

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Ames and his wife Rosario during their trial in March, 1994

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insight into the American psyche. In fact nothing could be further from such an epical idea than this chronicle of Ames's nine-year career as a spy in the CIA and that agency's bumbling inability to ognise that there even was a spy, let alone to catch him.

It is a tale, racily and readably told. of a sad little man whose professional, marital and personal nadequacies, combined with the blind complacency of the sprawling bureaucracy in which he worked, led him, unnoticed for almost a decade, to flog off in the paper river that poured across his desk. The buyer just happened to be the KGB; and the documents just happened to be the CIA's most precious secrets from 1985 and until Ames's arrest two years ago.

pages with the names and details of all the West's best spies in the Soviet Union (including Dmitri-Polyakov and Oleg Gordievsky). To the horror of the KGB, who feared the exposure of its "top spy ever", the Politburo (presided over The KGB made no original effort to recruit Ames. He just walked into the Soviet Embassy in by Gorbachev himself) decided that "death to spies" remained the Gorbachev himself) decided downtown Washington (observed without consequence by three FBI rule; and "at a ferocious rate" most of them were executed in the basement of Lubyanka prison. agents and filmed by an FBI

as if neon lights and searchlights lit up all over the Kremlin, shone all the way across the Atlantic Ocean, saying There is a penetra-tion. "The CIA was stunned by the executions, but never really suspected a spy in the camp, virtually

BETRAYAL The Story of Aldrich Ames, An American Spy By Tim Weiner, David Johnston and Netl A. Lewis Richard Cohen, £12.99 ppt original

until the FBF caught Ames red-

handed in 1994. Ames acted for money -- nearly \$3 million in the end — because his Colombian second wife was a freespender and because the KGB made him feel important and appreciated. The CIA despised him, correctly, as ineffectual and third-rate. This did not, however, prevent it from repeatedly giving him critically sensitive jobs where

came first to him and then went on to Moscow.

What is completely lacking from this account is any grand theme. Ames was a drunk, but neither that nor his upbringing by a CIA father, another failure, who talked to his son about "the KGB and Communists rather than cowboys and Indians, provides any fatal flaw driving this tragi-farce. The American character and American society in the late 20th century are, perhaps mercifully, not examined for cines to the anomie and casual irresponsibil-

Still less is there any serious attempt to explain why - apart from the huge sum of money paid by the normally miserly KGB --Ames's treason was so universally regarded as exceeding that of even the greatest villains/heroes in

ity that formed Ames's behaviour.

traitor history. In the private chess game of the CIA and the KGB, he was indeed the ultimate coup; but how does he compare with the scientists who gave the secrets of the atom bomb to the Soviet Union? Or with Donald Madean, who arguably

caused the Cold War and changed the history of the last 50 years by writing to Stalin from his desk as acting Head of Chancery in the British Embassy in Washington it gives me a pain to think of it -that the United States's offer of Marshall Aid after the war should be rejected as a capitalist plot. advice on which Stalin acted, against all other advice he was receiving (see Pavel Sudoplatov's truly epical Special Tasks)? Or compared with the Polish theft of the Enigma machine - what important geopolitical, military or economic consequences resulted from Ames's betrayal?

ther spies, including good and brave men and women, died because of Ames; but would America have won" the Cold War sooner, or would the Gulf War have been over any faster, or anything im-portant in human history have changed if he had had a more frugal wife?

We do not know, and we are left unsatisfied by a book which though benefiting from the industry, writing skills and excellent connections to be expected from the Washington correspondents of The New York Times, in the end. turns aside from the larger questions that cry out for answers.

The geometry of love and betrayal

Aristophanes's fable of the original hermaphrodite, from the Symposium to Shakespeare's somnets and even in It is the uncertainty implicit the great romantic classics. in triangular relationships that those hooked on the idea literature has always been concerned with bisexuality. of stability and pairing find Most people assume that both fascinating and intimithe state of being "in love" requires a pair. Garber sugdating. Prime-time television soaps have taken to portraybisexual characters to gests that three people may be necessary, pointing out that arouse extra interest, and pubthere is a triangular relationlishers have discovered that it ship in most of the great love sells books. In the past few stories: Lancelot, Guinevere years biographies of many and Arthur: Tristan, Isolde writers, artists and actors and King Mark: Scarlett, Ashhave revealed that their sub-

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been the driving force of much ships with members of both romantic literature, with the relationship between the As Garber points out in her same-sex rivals often as imchapter on "Bisexuality and Celebrity", for those who are portant as that between the hero and heroine. attempting to appeal to the Kate Hatfield

VICE VERSA Bisexuality and the Eroticism of Everyday Life By Marjorie Garber Hamish Hamilton, £25

public, sexual ambiguity is no bad thing. To attract members of both sexes doubles boxoffice potential. She poses the interesting question of whethpeople become stars because they are bisexual or vice versa, concluding ambiguously: "I believe that the answer is 'hoth' -- or rather

guish ... between desirability

and desire.

Freud believed that all human beings were innately bisexual, at first assuming that as they matured they would repress their desire for members of their own sex and become full-blown heterosexuals. He later changed his mind as he began to think that the libido reight oscillate throughout life, instancing the man who gives up his male companions when he marries and then returns to them

when marriage begins to pall. That kind of bisexuality is now known as sequential, as opposed to concurrent, al-

though Garber herself believes this is not a useful distinction. She suggests that relationship followed by an opposite-sex relationship could be said to be either always bisemal or never bi-sexual. Explaining why she does not think the distinction disingenuously: "What, pre-cisely is 'the same time? Alternate nights? The same night? The same bed?"

Surely the answer must be

that concurrent bisexuality implies that a same-sex relationship is entered into before concluded, or vice versa, thus involving infidelity. Garber would probably disagree. In her introduction to Vice Versa she announces that she wants to challenge the notion that there are only two possibilities: "male or female, gay or straight, monogamous or nonmonogamous ... "

IT IS HARD to accept that there can be a third state that is neither monogamous nor non-monogamous, although later in the book she describes some bisequals who "retained non-monogamy as a value but were not practising it", which sounds like a whole new way of having your cake and eating it, something that those who disapprove of bisexuality have always resented.

There is much in this book rovoke, much to enlighten and a certain amount to amuse. Garber is in many ways a playful writer, usin puns and paradoxes to prick her readers into thinking in new ways. But however much she makes them think, many of them may resist her attempt to persuade them to divorce their perceptions of bisexuality

Kate Hatfield's novel, Angels Alone, will be published in February by Transworld



Bisemality to androgyny: from Jeanette Jones's Walk on the Wild Side (Souvenir, £20)

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Grand venture gone astray

ore than a century ago, when music was live and the piano at its centre. Steinways ecame pace-makers to a flourishing international industry, perfecting an image of robust craftsmanship, technological innovation and musical discrimination. In New York (of all places, said their competitors), and later Hamburg, they built iron-framed, cross-strung instruments concert grands and domestic uprights - more powerful and durable than any predecessor.

yet responsive to the most fastidious fingers. Their "system" was openly copied by newly prospering firms, but disdained by the old established London and Paris makers, who clung to obsolescence, wounded pride and waning fortunes. Then the industry developed in caricature of modern economic history, its centre shifting from England and France to America and Germany, then dra-matically to Japan, and ultimately to Korea.

But pre-eminence continued to depend upon the link with high culture: a great piznist's Paderewski, no less than a craftsman's perfectionism. had to take precedence over the accountant's book-keeping. So for a time Steinways kept ahead by nurturing music with as much energy and discrimination as they devoted to metallurgy and wood. Their historian requires similar breadth

Richard Lieberman scribes a later, less successful member of the family as more interested in charts.

Cyril Ehrlich are not his scene, but meticulous domination of a large STEINWAY & SONS archive, and interviews with By Richard K. Lieberman the worthily inarticulate, are made to yield accounts of New Yale. £23.50 .;

tables and labor issues than concerts, tunes and pianists",; ; To judge by the content and tone of this curiously downmarket tribute to a uniquely upmarket institu-

York history, wage bargaining, and such issues as the unsurprising scarcity of words and "African Amerinomic and cultural rhots



aist Alfred Brendel mirrored in his Steinway

appear to be similar. Tunes strut their stuff, to small acclaim. We rarely catch a glimpse of the Hamburg factory, and Bechstein, the great rival, barely rates a mention. Apparently a bulky manuscript has been trimmed and "critiqued" by many hands, in the belief that "good history can be written for a popular

> So attention must be paid to the Steinway lady who enticed employees, neighbours and friends of the family ... into [her husband's] bed, dressing them in his nightclothes, and demanding that the servants fetch ice-cream and champagne to supplement her nights or afternoons of sexual pleasure"; and to another who was simply "a streetwalker"; or even to one whose elaborate gynaecological history is best hidden from the squeamish.

t must be said that less popular matters benefit from a similar American candour: would a European or eagerly? There was the question of government contracts: awkward for an American-German firm in two world wars (making coffins, or what amounts to the same thing, troop-carrying gliders).

And later came real troubles a supercilious indifference. common also in Europe, to devastating competition from Yamaha, and a near fatal deterioration in the quality of instruments when control was relinquished to the accountants. Good in short periods and narrow focus, this book is 1 too ramshackle and undiscerning to address larger themes and do justice to a





Finding the rule of equal justice

Stephen Tumim finds a disturbing shudder, but not a collapse, in the British judicial system

The Tottenham Three, the Guildford Four, the Birmingham Six, the Newham Seven and Eight, even the Bradford Twelve: those once famous cases, mostly involving elaborate miscarriages of justice, belong to the 1980s, rather as the Richardsons and the Krays - no miscarriages there

- mark an earlier decade. The facts have faded now: we are left with a misty recollection of figures and statements being faked. Sir John Woodcock, former Chief Inspector of Constabulary, apparently invented the phrase noble cause corruption", meaning the practice of police officers fabricating evidence or committing perjury in order to convict suspects whom they were satisfied were guilty. David Rose, in addition to tales of police impropriety.

tells the story of many unjust acquittals, brought about by the defendants and their friends. That these have occjurred cannot be disputed, and they too amount to a denial of justice to the victims and the

Mr Rose also cites cases from which the prosecuting authorities do not emerge as properly diligent in the pursuit of truth. He gives examples of each variety of miscarriage. The most disturbing are in the chapters on the police. He raises a series of points too often ignored. "In 1994," writes Mr Rose, "there were 194 settled actions against the police in London . . . In virtually all of these cases of avowed police misconduct, there was no substantive action taken sexinst the officers concerned. The rotten apples remain in the barrel. The taxpayer pays the bill. The lear of being caught is no more effective at restraining the bent posiceman than the criminal.

But to justify his full title. The Collapse of Criminal Justice, Mr Rose his to go much further there exists a great roset granission. It series of miscatriages, particularly was a move from the advertarity now, when the ademitics a same system owards the contion of possible mistarriages is amental inquisitorial ap-to be removed by statute from proach. This would bring the Home Secretary to an about Mr Rose claims a

IN THE NAME OF THE LAW

independent person. A dis-turbing shudder, capable of correction, is not a collapse. He looks briefly at why people offend and concludes, as many have concluded before him. that there is no simple answer, although economic conditions, racism and class are seen as



Rose: no simple answers

factors in the organised crime of inner cries.

The strength of his argument lies in the analysis of the part that the police play in the justice system, and in his final chapter, where he marrates the changes in government attitudes to crime over the past two years: particularly politicians attempts to wider the gap between criminals and the rest of the community, rather than to narrow the gap and reconcile on the lines of the now largely abundaned Woolf Report of 1991.

the remedy proposed by Mr. Rose was rejected, without manyreasons given, by the

the various segments of crimi-nal justice. The police would be unlikely to misbehave, he argues, if supervised by an examining magistrate. The prosecutor, discontinuing a case, would have a greater need than at present to explain

It is true that in England, adges, prison governors, probation officers and police have never enjoyed easy communication, although the position may have been somewhat eased by a recommendation in the Woolf Report for local justice committees. There must be a strong case for examining Mr Rose's proposal again, even if he has not fully proved a case of "collapse". To see whether there has

been a collarise of justice in recent years, it is helpful to ask what we mean by justice. Lord Devlin wrote many years ago that the duty of the judge was solely to do justice, and "justice is concerned with the measurements of deserts". The move, for example, over the past year, to extend mandatory sentences to some offences lesser than murder, would amount to a denial of justice. It would prevent the judge from measuring the deserts of the prisoner in the dock.

But whether the miscar riages with which this serious and powerful book is concerned have reached the degree where it is proper to call the situation a collapse of justice, is not established.

- What is very clear is that

among the many problems is the attitude of some of the criminal young. Mr Rose went out one evening to look for himself in Newcastle: "A gang of youths had set fire to some cars on the main road, then they slipped into a backstreet. They were carrying the tools for arson: rags and cans of petrol. I watched them break into an empty house, chatter ing excitedly about seeing it on fire. One of their friends lived opposite. Suddenly he burst out of his home, yelling at the others: 'Hey, come on, leave that now! Come and see, we're all on Sky TVI



Child's Play 3. withdrawn in 1994 after it was claimed that it had influenced Jamie Bulger's killers, but restored as the link was not proven

Caught between fear and desire

Matthew Parris

Manchester University Press.

favourite book in the Pookie series. In this story, Pookie the rabbit ended up at the North Pole where (as I recall) he was trying to escape from the wicked Queen of the loe. It was not the plot I treasured; what gripped me was a full-page colour picture of the Queen herself. She was partly iceberg, partly hu-man, with dreadful icicles for lingernails and a blue, icy face.

I kept the book under my pillow After Dad had switched out my light I would wait for a while and, eyes shut, think about the Ice Queen. Then I would switch on the light, pull out the picture and look at it until I didn't dare to any longer. Then I would hide under the bedciothes until I had summoned the courage to look again.
In his chapter on "Distress and Delight: children's experience of hor-

ror". Dr Buckingham dwells, absorbingly, on the strange amalgam of sear and pleasure which so transfixes children watching television.

Buckingham's research (funded by the Broadcasting Standards Council. of which I am a member) has aimed to help us to understand how children see those things on television which we sometimes view with concern for

Then I was a child, I had a their "negative" effect on younger favourite book in the Pookie viewers. Violence, horror, melodrama, crime: parents must every day take decisions about whether, and when, and in what company their children may see these things, indeed Buckingham believes that, in an age, when we might suppose responsi-

bility was being steadily leached away from the family, decisions about television viewing may increasingly be thrust back upon parents, as the airwaves and cables become ever more crowded with transmissions which the nation state may lose the ability to

His method has been qualitative rather than quantitative: a series of careful and in-depth interviews with a great many children from many backgrounds, and (separately) their parents. Buckingham's aim has been to let children speak for themselves and to draw from the results what apparent patterns, and strands of hypothesis, present themselves.

BEN BRADLEE and The

would never have another

story as good as Watergate. The remaining 17 years of his editorship of the Post were an

anticlimax, offset by his suc-

cessful, third, marriage to

Sally Quinn and by his fame

as the editor of his generation.

A Good Life divides be-

ween his career before and

swashbuckler, charming and

engaging, and he tells a good story of his life and loves. He

Pacific, a sub-Hemingway life

as a foreign correspondent in

the 1950s and then a few years

before his move in the late

Such an approach has the defects of its virtues. It is intuitive and often highly interpretative: much of it must be a matter of opinion and Buckingham does not conceal his opinions. But is there any other way to listen to children? I found this study absorbing, useful and rather entertaining. Among its many

observations, three

stand out. First, that

may be violently

moved or disturbed

individual children's **MOVING IMAGES** emotional responses Understanding to particular broad-Children's Emotional cast scenes are as Responses to many and various Television as the children By David Buckingham themselves. A child

£12.50 ppb original at the most unlikely scene, untouched by something apparently far more troubling. I remember, for instance, how worried many children were by that National Grid advertisement showing pylons morphing into humanoid figures. The same child might watch

a movie axe-murder unmoved. Secondly, how very sophisticated the viewing of even six-year-olds can be. Kids make as clear a distinction as adults between fact and fantasy on

television, and carefully grade levels of fantasy (Casualty they may find more disturbing than driller-killer movies, because it seems to be about their own world). News broadcasts

can worry and upset them deeply. Children are fascinated, too, by how television effects are achieved. Child's Play 3 (the horror video about a demonic doll which, contrary to the press reports, there is little evidence that Jamie Bulger's killers did see) was not rated by Dr Buckingham's interviewees as unusually disturbing. but some were fascinated by the ammution itself.

Thirdly, that just as adults insist that they can cope with disturbing programmes themselves, but that children may be upset, so children insist that worrying scenes on television are no problem for them. but might be for other children - or indeed for their parents!

The most memorable, if trivial, picture I take from this thoughtprovoking study is of Elaine (aged 12) describing how she helped her father to conquer his fear of spiders by forcing him to watch Arach-nophobia. I kept turning his head around, getting him to watch it."

Ripened fruit of sixty years

Rachel Campbell-Johnston

> SHIFTING LANDSCAPE By Henry Roth Weidenfeld, £1499

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n 1994 Henry Roth published Mercy of a Rude Stream, a series of six semi-autobiographical novels which came as an astonishment to his admirers. They were the first works he had completed since Call It Sleep, his classic evocation of immigrant life in New York City, published in 1934. In the imerion years, Roth had become as famous for his agonising case of writer's block as he

was for his writing. However, Roth's literary silence during those 60 years was not absolute, as this s collection now shows. Gathering together in chronological order fragments of his work, its purpose, as Roth describes it in his foreword, is "nothing less than to exhibit the continuity within the desolating discontinuity of a writer's life".

Some of the pieces collected here seem more of biographical than literary interest. Equipment for Pennies, an article written for a trade periodical The Magazine For Ducks and Geese, marks that time in the early 1950s when Roth bought a smallholding in Maine and set about raising poultry. Similarly there is his 1987 speech given in Percoto in Northern Italy when he was awarded the Nonino Interna-

tional Prize. Other pieces shadow the development of Roth's authori-2, al. style. Impressions of a Plamber, his first published work was written in 1925 while he was a freshman at -City College, New York, De-scribing the installation of piping, its honed accuracy of observation is combined with an maginative impressionism

in a style which Roth was later to develop in Call it Sleep. Yet there are a number of works in this collection which stand up to scrutiny in their



Like Roth, many artists of New York's "Ashcan school" were not native New Yorkers: Fire on 24th Street by Everett Shinn (1907); from Metropolitan Lives (Norton, £35)

out truck becomes the focus of bustlingly aggressive street life, symbolically explore the collapse of Roth's long-standing relationship at that time, and his extended experimental piece Itinerant Ithacan is to be seen, according to Roth, "as a most important stepping stone toward the conception of Mer-

own right. Short stories such cy of a Rude Stream. In as Broker, in which a clapped works such as these, contemporary urban life seems to overspill, immediated, onto

the page.

Roth boldly interminates. rough street argot and soaring . lyncism with a skill character istic of his greatest works, expressing and transcending the squalors and brutalities of the life they describe

Shifting Landscape may seem at first merely a collection of disparate fragments. But these pieces, knitted together as they are by their author's own commentary, ftranscriptions of taped interviews), provide a rare insight into the development of the writer's mind. Roth's death last autumn renders this a most timely publication.

Watergate Washington Post have never really got over Watergate. It established the Post as an was his influential national paper and. thanks to the film All the President's Men. made Bradlee, Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein the first of the watershed celebrity journalists - especially as there are striking similarites between Bradlee in person and the way that Jason Robards played him in the Peter Riddell film. Bradlee realised that he

A GOOD LIFE Newspapering and Other Adventures By Ben Bradlee Simon & Schuster, £17.99

1960s to run the Post. With the key backing of Katherine Graham, he after Watergate. Bradlee is a showed flair and energy in making the paper lively and noticed. His handling of the ranges from his privileged, if revelations in the Pentagon not always prosperous, up-bringing in New England, a youthful battle with polio, to Papers over Vietnam and, then Watergate showed that he, and she, had the guts to confront an Administration Harvard, naval service in the and be proved right. It was his and the Post's finest hour, for all the later excesses of halfas a Newsweek political writer baked conspiracy theorist



Bradlee: courageous

His post-Watergate account is briefer, and at times a touch self-satisfied. From the late 1970s, he was a classic insider and he revels in his friendship with such Washington fixers as the lawyer Edward Bennett

Williams, Bradlee's absence of introspection about the role of the press is a welcome respite from some of the usual American navel-gazing.
Bradlee has faced criticism

over what he did, and did not. reveal about his close friendship with his Georgetown neighbour John F. Kennedy. It is always hard for journalists to judge how close to get to politicians, the balance between discretion and disclosure. Bradlee got it about right for the time: after all, he phoned a scoop direct from the President during a White House party.

BRADLEE was a big story journalist with little interest in the day-to-day workings of government or in finance and the arts. The Post has not made a further leap forward. It remains a cross between a local Washington paper and a newsletter on the latest political gossip and trends. It lacks the range and depth of The New York Times, particularly on foreign affairs; the strength of analysis of The Wall Street Journal, especially on the links between politics and finance; and the all-round strengths of the Los Angeles

A tale both small and beautiful

The narrator of David Hughes's new novel is a man called David Hughes. At the age of 61, he has just had a cancerous kidney removed. Now, in an August heatwave, he is convalescing with his wife and his young family in a house on the Isle of Wight overlooking the

endless waves of the Solent. He remembers that, long ago, he had promised to write for his wife a "little book". It was to be "the big exploratory act which any man wanted to share with his love ... the letter that said it all and hid everything, the truth as never hitherto known".

He has not written it. But now, faced with the grim possibilities that lie in the wake of his operation, his thoughts turn again to doing it. Now, perhaps, it will only be a book in his mind, which Derwent May .

THE LITTLE BOOK By David Hughes Hutchinson, £9.99

he will try to "write" while his body tries to restore itself. At first his thoughts turn back to childhood and Oxford friends. His mind expands, invigorated, as he thinks what

they have done and how he too had all those possibilities within him. One is a literary editor, another an Oxford professor. another an MP. He recreates their lives in his imagination as after egos.

But now he begins to sense something new — an emptiness, a shapelessness in their lives that also mirrors his own life as be looks back on it: quite early on, he says, "my life had

begun to improvise itself, not be what I wanted". However, his "little book" is taking shape. It will be an inspirational book, but one that will proceed by images of failure.

T is thoughts now take a further, powerful turn. He imagines the impact of his book on these very characters he has conjured up. it shakes them, and starts changing their lives. His imagination races faster: under the impact of the "little book" in which they themselves appear, his characters start to engage in wild sexual acts, provoke demonstrations and revolts, begin to change the whole fabric of life in Britain. Meanwhile on the Isle of Wight the marvellous summer goes on. Hughes starts laughing at the extravagance of his fantasy - and

feels his health returning. Is this Little Book published by Hutchinson the "little book" we have been reading about? Not exactly. It will not have quite such a dramatic effect on its readers, and I am afraid it will not transform Britain. But it is an amazingly gripping book, considering that its story takes place almost entirely in the narrator's mind. Moreover, if it is not exactly inspirational, it glows with an idealism, an ardent dream of how life could

often very moving.
The real David Hughes who won the W. H. Smith Literary Award for his novel The Pork Butcher in 1984 also had a kidney removed five years ago, when he was 61. On the evidence of this book. he too has made a splendid

be richer and fuller, that is

THE BRITISH

HOLIDAYS must be more

romantic than Inntravel. we get credit for, to judge by Price. including dinner, the response to last week's champagne, flowers and ferselection of Valentine's Day ry crossings, is £123 per offers by tour operators and person. Details: 01653 hotels. The Times today provides further ideas for those planning a present more ACTION on Valentine's original than red roses or a Day is the suggestion of

- VALENTINE'S DAY BARGAINS

Calais, are on

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Anglian Activity Breaks, which provides gift vouchers rude card: ☐ THOMSON is suggestfor 100 pursuits including driving a Russian tank and ing you "gift-wrap a city" by taking your partner on spepampering yourself at a health club, with a night's cial Valentine packages to Paris, Florence or Prague. accommodation afterwards available from £21 per person. Details: 01508 Prices for two nights in Paris with a dozen red roses start at £169, while four nights in Prague from February 12, with more goodies on arriv-al, will cost £379. Details: A FOUR-day Valentine break at Port Zelande holi-

day village in Holland, which offers watersports 0990 143503. and was featured on last LOVE in a cold climate is the theme of Icelandair's Saturday's Blind Date, is special Valentine offer, available from Gran Dorada which includes a free bottle for £215 per person, including ferry crossings, with of champagne to couples flying to Iceland between departures on February 13. February 9 and to. Prices for Details: 01242 255000. a three-night break at the Hotel Island start at £271 per ☐ SAVINGS of £240 per person are available for holiperson. Details: 0171-388 5599.

days including Valentine's Day at the all-inclusive Club A CHATEAU in Cham-Antigua resort from British Airways Holidays. Prices pagne on Valentine's Day is start at £749 per person for seven nights including available from Unicorn Holidays, Overnight accomflights. Details: 01293 723161. modation, dinner and champagne at Château de Fère, ☐ THE EQUATOR is where you could spend February 14 if you join Journey plus ferry crossings, cost Ei40 per person. Details: 01582 834400.

TWO NIGHTS including February 14 at Les Trois Mousquetaires, a country house hotel close to Aire, a market town 40 miles from

Haymarket Theatre, Lon-

don, are included in the

Valentine's package offered by the Lowndes Hotel, Bel-

gravia, during the weekends

before and after February 14

as well as the day itself. Prices start at £315 per

person per night plus VAT. Details: 0171-823 1234.

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tine breaks include cham-

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London, costing £65 per person. Stay the night and enjoy a full English breakfast for £159 per person. Details: 0171-836 2400.

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Latin America's 24-day Tro-

gon trip to Ecuador and Colombia, taking in the An-

des and a Caribbean beach.

Price: £1,338 per person. Details: 0181-747 8315.

☐ COUPLES who stay at Gleneagles Hotel, Scotland, this month and fail to find romance can claim a £50 voucher towards their next visit. Price: £177 per couple for one night including "aphrodisiac" dinner and breakfast. Details: 01764 662231.

☐ SPEND Valentine's Day in Hong Kong's oldest hotel, the Peninsula. Until March ample, costs £90 per person per night half-board. De-tails: 01904 679999. 15 the first night for two in a deluxe room costs £358 with subsequent nights at E344. Details through: Leading Hotels of the World: 0800 astery is a new idea for

☐ BROWN's Hotel in Mayfair is this month offering a special £15 two-course lunch with a guarantee that if the second course is not served within an hour of ordering, the meal will be free. Details: dance is taking place at The Waldorf Meridien in the

FLIGHT BARGAINS OF THE WEEK

FOR £799 the new British Airways-Qantas excursion (available between April 16 and June 30) provides return flights to Australia, two free internal flights and a choice of en route stopovers. De-tails: 0345 222111.

CANADIAN Airlines International has return fares from Heathrow to Montreal Ottawa and Toronto at £369 for departures from April I, and flights to cities in western Canada costing £469. Details: 0345 616767.

TRIPLE Airmiles are awarded to full-fare passengers for each City Flyer Express flight from Gatwick. Details: 0181-897 4000.

☐ MANX Airlines has lowered the price of its Manchester-Isle of Man Apex fare by 20 per cent. The new fare is £104 compared with £130 previously. Details: 0345 256256.

[] ICELANDAIR is offering transatlantic business class passengers a free pair of economy-class tickets to France, Belgium or Holland. The offer is valid until the end of May: free flights must

LOW-COST airline Air Belfast has tied up a fly-drive deal with Avis for passengers arriving at Gatwick, Stansted, Belfast and Shannon airports. Inclusive rental rates start at £46.50 and customers are being offered £5-worth of free petrol until February 29. Details: 0345

MIDDLE East Airlines has scrapped first-class flights between London and Beirut in favour of an improved business-class product with more comfortable seats and a more lavish meal service. Details: 0171-

be taken by August 31. Details: 0171-388 5599.



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All flights are on scheduled services. ust be made by 19th February 1996, departures up to 28th March 1996 "Price is per person. 2 adults must travel together, twin occupancy 3 star hotel B/B, two night stay or a Seburday night. Subject to availability. Caravela Tours Lnf. ATOL 1598. Airport Taxes are not included.

Hong Kong rush begins Airport hub for

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BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

HONG KONG is expecting a surge of Britons keen to visit the colony before it is handed back to China on July 1, 1997.

Changes which the handover will inevitably bring are already beginning in the highrise, high-income, high-tech, high-density group of islands. The "Britishness" is gradually fading, and many of the old colonial buildings have disappeared as concrete, glass and steel buildings change the skyline almost daily. The traditional trade of

tailoring is declining fast as companies move from the teeming streets of Hong Kong island and Kowloon to mainland China, where labour is much cheaper. Much of the colony's manufacturing industry is being replaced by service industries — with tourism rapidly becoming the biggest The vast majority of the new

tourists, however, are not from Britain but from the People's Republic of China and the expanding nations of Asia. Of the ten million people who have visited China in the past 12 months, well over two million came from China, just under two million from Taiwan and almost as many from Japan. The number of British visitors has been sinking slow-ly to about 350,000, of whom 25 per cent were on business and most of the others stopping briefly on their way to some other Far Eastern holiday destination.

As Hong Kong's economic growth has continued, prices have risen sharply, often making shopping — still the top activity among tourists - as expensive as it is in London. But this has not deterred the tourists from South-East Asia. many of whom can still buy all kinds of goods at 30 per cent less than they can in their home country - and get the latest models much more quickly than at home. That explains why British visitors spent half as much in Hong Kong's shops in 1994 as they did on hotel bills while the Japanese spent twice as much



Soft landing: an artist's impression of the £12 billion 24-hour airport being built on reclaimed land in Hong Kong

in buying goods as on their hotel morns.

But Hong Kong is not all about shopping. Its 85 hotels offer 33.490 rooms, and many - such as the Mandarin, the Peninsula and the two Shangri La hoteis - are among the best, and most expensive, in the world.

The millions of glittering lights in the harbour provide views of incredible splendour while up in the New Territories the ancient, mystic way of life goes on - albeit between the tower blocks which have sprung up in many villages. There are Chinese arts festivals, dragon boat racing, lion

off booking until the last

minute and was rewarded last

month by mass-market opera-

tors cutting prices to rock bottom to III acommodation

Paul Chase Gardener, of the

chalet operator Bladon Lines.

said: "Early bookings were

weak and, combined with

dancing, music, crowded dimsum restaurants, a funicular railway to the Peak, boats in the harbour, bird sanctuaries, sport galore and the ubiquitous karaoke bars.

Will all this and the ostentatious wealth which pervades Hong Kong be allowed to continue after July 1, 1997? Everyone has a different answer. Some claim that Hong Kong is now so important to the whole Chinese economy that Peking could not possibly interfere. Others give dark warning that already the sabres are being rattled, the Mao suits are reappearing, the Red Army guards who will

move into the old British Army and Navy bases are being trained and true democracy and dissent will not be tolerated by the rulers in

Still others are certain that China will not lose face by publicly moving against the people of Hong Kong when an agreement setting out clearly their rights has just been signed, and that there is so much mainland Chinese money tied up in Hong Kong that it must not suffer an economic setback.

One senior Hong Kong official said: "I am convinced that July 1997 will be a comma

and not a full stop in the history of Hong Kong." The Hong Kong Tourist Associ-ation has launched a campaign under the title "Wonders Never Cease", to persuade more visitors to come to Hong Kong.

But 50,000 well-to-do Hong Kong families, all skilled managers or business figures, have full British passports which they are holding ontojust in case. They will not hesitate to use them to leave their homeland if the need arises, taking their money with them and bringing about the "doomsday scenario" everyone secretly fears.

-o Mack Asia .

AN AIRPORT bigger than Heathrow is being built on reclaimed land at a cost of more than El2 billion in an attempt to turn Hong Kong into the travel hub of Asia. Harvey Elliott writes.

After months of wrangling which delayed the opening of Chek Lap Kok airport. China. Japan and Britain are now cooperating in one of the most ambitious airport projects ever undertaken. The existing Kai Tak air-

port, in the heart of Kowloon. is already having to turn away at least 400 flights a week because it has greatly exceeded its limit of 24 million passengers a year. The new airport will operate 24 hours a day and enabling it to handle initially 35 million passengers a year, growing to 85 million. once a second runway is built - more than Heathrow's capacity even with Terminal

The logic behind the decision to build the airport is powerful. Half the world's population lives within four hours' flying time of Hong Kong. Last year, Asia had 25 per cent of the world's airline traffic. This is predicted to grow to 56 per cent by 2010, when the region will have the largest fleet of aircraft in the

Cathay Pacific, the Hong Kong-based airline which has a 22.5 per cent Chinese investment, plans to cash in on the boom by moving its entire operation to the new airport-Cathay has developed an intricate plan to link flights more closely with its regional partner Dragonair, which op-erates 14 flights a week to Peking and 16 to Shanghai. enabling international passengers to make connections to towns and cities throughout China and the Far East.

The airline is investing \$9 billion in new aircraft and equipment and has no qualms about the impending Chinese takeover of Hong

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velled a range of short breaks

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£19 for a car and passengers, rising to £69 for eight days travel, until the end of April.

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BY GRAHAM DUFFILL

JANUARY snowfalls have bookings nightmare. The largely blessed those countries where the pound carries most value, and left those with strong currencies in poor shape, Italy, Spain, Andorra, America and Canada have enjoyed lashings of snow since Christmas, Large parts of France, Austria and Switzerhad only a sprinkling, and

land, on the other hand, have Norway is virtually snowless. For most tour operators it has compounded a January

BY TONY DAWE

AN ES million drive to present

London as modern and vi-brant instead of the grimy old-

fashioned city portrayed in the prewar and postwar films was

The campaign, financed jointly by the British Tourist

Authority, the National Heritage Department and private

investment, is intended to

boost spending by visitors in the capital, which has been

increasing at a slower rate

than in many international

"Too many people have an outdated image of London and

yet it is at the cutting edge of fashion, music, nightlife and

eating out," says Colin Hobbs, managing director of the London Tourist Board, which

will lead the campaign. "It is precisely these elements that need far greater emphasis.

particularly in targeting the

new and younger fast-growing

markets across the world."

aunched this week.

poor snow reports, it meant there was masses of stuff unsold. Selling prices in January were dramatically lower than I can ever remember. However, February and March bookings were doing London we<u>il</u>, he said. gets an Italian holidays continue to update

in some resorts.

outsell last year but the big-gest boom is in ski holidays to Canada, which is now so popular it is difficult to find sears on flights to Calgary and Vancouver. Jill White, of the Canadian High Commission, said: "The airlines are carrying twice as many passengers as last year: the Banff/Lake Louise area will more than double the number of British

Ski the American Dream began taking Britons to ski in America 15 years ago. By 1990 they were still carrying only 500 passengers but last year took 6.000, of whom 45 per cent went to Canada. Alan Reed, a company spokesman, said: "We're laughing all the way to the bank. After a very strong.year last year. We are

26 per cent up so far this year." A series of storms passing over North America has produced huge snowfalls. The base at Lake Louise is 14ft and at Sunshine Village it is 18ft, though temperatures at the start of this week were -32C rising to a daily high of -18C. Steamboat Springs, Colorado. had loft of snow in January alone, and Park City, Utah,

The campaign, supported by many companies involved in the city's tourism industry. In Europe all the major falls will include a series of internain January have come from tional promotions and telethe south, coating the southvision advertising in the United States and Far East. Its ern flank of the Alps but leaving the northern side thin.
The snow follows a line target is to increase spending by visitors over the next five through the Alps roughly years to generate an extra £1.5 billion for London and create a from Les Deux Alpes, through Tignes, La Thuile. Chamonix, Zermatt. Saas Fee. Davos and further 50,000 jobs by the turn

Obergurgl," said David Hearns, of the Ski Club of

Great Britain. The snow has fallen on the windward side

and left the lees with nothing

new. You can go to Chamonix

and look down the Aosta

Valley where there are buckets

of new snow, while a kilometre away on the other

side the snow is old and grey.

of the century. It has, however, got off to a bad start. Design experts have criticised the logo which will be used in the promotions — a crown of blue, yellow and red dancing figures above the city's name — as "ineffective, feeble and witless". Mr Hobbs says the logo emphasises the

Snowfalls leave | Paris by bus for £25 return

BY MARTIN SYMINGTON

A NEW International bus Channel Tunnel on Le Shuttle company, CityZap, has entered the flercely competitive London to Paris and Amsterdam routes with a £25 return fare for a twice-daily service to van Eyle, head of CityZap.

bookings from today. Travellers must book be-fore the end of February to take advantage of the bargain fare, which will then increase to £55. European Bus, the Dutch owners of CityZap, are targeting 15 to 30-year-olds. Its marketing partners in-clude MTV. Coca-Cola and

Mars, whose products will be provided free on the services. The journeys through the

RELAIS & CHATEAUX, the

consortium of worldwide lux-

ury hotels, yesterday launched a new 1996 directory

The directory, which con-

tains photographs and details of all the hotels including 22

new members, is just one of a clutch of glossy directories published by international

marketing consortiums. These guides, unlike the AA and Michelin Guides, do not offer

an independent rating of the hotels, but provide complete details of their luxury hotels.

Among the several others just published is the 264-page

of its 410 member hotels.

will take about seven hours. "We saw a gap in the market for cost-effective travel for young people who want a fast service but one which is

Eurostar is expected to announce its lowest rail fare from London to Paris today: £59 for a Saturday day-return or for travel on Mondays to Thursdays including a minimum three nights away. For travel including a weekend night away, the fare will be £69. London to Amsterdam via Brussels will cost £77. The offers last until March 31.

New hotel guides for 1996

By DAVID CHURCHILL

in 40 countries listed, includ-

ing Sweden's oldest hotel, the Gripsholms Vardshus, in Mariefred, and a 15th-century

fort-palace, the Neemrana, in

India. A promotion launched

with the guide offers the

chance of free accommodation

with a special "passport" pro-gramme: the first 1,000 callers

requesting a directory and

mentioning the passport pro-

gramme will get the first hotel "stamp" already in place.

The 68-year-old consortium, Leading Hotels of the World,

has also just produced its 1996

guide to more than 300 of the

world's most exclusive hotels,

tive air fares to Paris currently available is £62 on British Midland from Heathrow including a Saturday night stay. Transavia flies from Gatwick to Amsterdam for £69, also including a Saturday night stay. Air UK offers restricted fares from Stansted to Paris from £59 and to Amsterdam from £74.

Among the most competi-

Air France Holidays is of-fering return flights to Paris with two nights accommodation in a three-star hotel plus Metro and museum tickets for £99 until the end of March.

● CityZap: 0800 968504.

The consortium has this year

published a separate directory

called Great Affordables, list-ing some 160 hotels offering

The European Connection,

from the Massey Partnership.

focuses on specially selected

smaller UK and continental

hotels, while several top Irish hotels, including the Park Hotel Kenmare in Co Kerry, and Dromoland Casile in Co

Clare, are included in Elegant

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Resorts' new guide.

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combining Gothenburg and

Copenhagen has been packaged by Scandinavian Seaways, costing E99 per person until the end of March and £109 from April until the end of June. Departures are or Sundays from February 4 Details: 0990 333111.

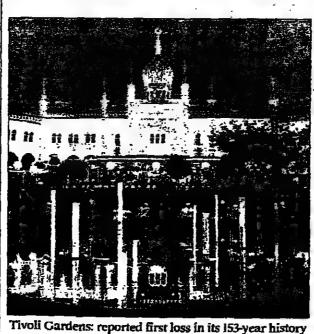
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COPENHAGEN has taken

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN

over from Luxembourg as Europe's "cultural capital" at a gala ceremony, attended by Queen Margrethe, to launch a year-long programme of more than 1,800 events at a cost of about £115 million. A hundred imported events

include exhibitions of Picasso and Rembrandt, and of Islamic culture. Music festivals will include the BBC Symphony and London Symphony Orchestras, classical soloists, the Kirov Ballet and Britain's Royal Ballet

Leading the home-grown talent, the Royal Danish Ballet will dance a new Hamlet rock ballet on a floating stage on the most of Elsinore Cas-Danish 19th-century "golden age" and modern

show, as will modern Danish

design. Workshops will pon-der the future of capital cities in the 21st century.

More than 40 restorations. rebuilding schemes and building projects, including a stunning new modern art museum, are under way for

"cultural capital" year, with city squares getting a facelift and old town houses receiving a coat of new paint. The "cultural capital"

project comes at an opportune time for Tivoli Gardens, Copenhagen's world renowned amusement park, which reported a loss in 1995 for the first time in its 153-year history. Annual visitors to Denmark's prime tourist attraction have slumped to 3.5 million from more than 4

France

hits back

By HARVEY ELLIOTT

million advertising campaign on British television next week in an attempt to win back the tourists who have turned their backs on Europe's most popular holiday destination.

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Backed by P&O, the ferry company. French regions have collaborated in a series of advertisements to be shown on both ITV and Channel 4. the first national TV campaign launched by France.

The campaign will feature what sounds like English foot-ball fans singing "Here we don't go" to get across the message that France does not attract "lager louts" and is both safe and attractive, especially for families with young children and older people.

At the same time hotels in Paris are combining to offer three nights for the price of two, the Eurostar train is cutting the price of its cheapest return tickets to £59 and Air France has an offer which includes return flights, two nights in a hotel, a Metro pass and transfers from the airport

Many shops and restaurants, which were also badly affected by the sudden fall in visitor numbers, are offering discounts of up to 20 per cent, plus gifts and other incentives to win back custom.

French hotels, especially in Paris, admit that they are desperate" for business. The upmarket Baltimore in the

FRANCE is to launch a £1 Avenue Kleber, for example says that less than 20 per cent of the 105 rooms available have been booked so far for February. This is a pattern repeated throughout the

> The decision by the French Government to restart nuclear testing had a particularly damaging effect on Japanese and Scandinavian visitors, who stayed away in large numbers throughout the

> Then the series of bombings in Paris put off school parties. conventions and other travel-lers. The strikes, which para-lysed the capital in November and December, gave a nega-tive image of France around the world, and the franc gradually gained in strength, especially against the pound, making the country appear massively overpriced com-pared with rival destinations such as Italy and Spain.

As a result of these prob lems there was an overall fall in the number of tourists for 1995, when for a time during the spring it had seemed that it would prove to be a record

Nonetheless, more than 60. million people still visited France last year and research has shown that it still holds a strong appeal, especially for the British. The new series of promotional campaigns will, it is hoped, stimulate the

dormant desire to go there.

Flowers for the occasion - villagers of Burgundy remember the patron saint of vineyards at St Vincent Tournante

Tourists flock to wine festival

THE PEOPLE of Burgundy did their bit to boost flagging tourism in France by staging

successful and well-

organised wine festival dedicated to the anniversary of St Vincent, patron saint of the vincyards, last weekend. Nearly 100,000 visitors, in-

luding tourists from Britain, Belgium, Germany and Switzerland, poured into the village of Auxey Duresses, which had been selected six years ago to host this year's St Vincent Tournante

In the intervening years, the village's winemakers joined forces to produce four curées BY TONY DAWE create the wine harvest. On

the other side of the village, a

attracting tourists to a unique

event in the middle of winter,"

Agnes Diconne, of the

rganising committee, said.

"Although the country as a whole has suffered a drop in

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which could be sampled at will by visitors after purchasing a Fr30 (£7.50) ticket which came in the form of a commemorative wine glass. Other inhabitants of Auxey,

which lies in a valley four miles beyond Beaune, had spent years preparing exhibitions and making paper flowers to transform the winter Green "leaves" had been

attached to the bare, pruned vines closest to the church and waxwork models carefully clothed and arranged to re-

British voices at the festival this year than ever before." Mme Diconne's grandfa-

field of paper poppies glowed ther, Paul, was among seven amid the gloom, while all the villagers who were made honapproaches were lined with orary members of the Brothredundant Christmas trees erhood of Winetasters at a decorated with paper roses.

The festival has become ceremony during the festival. Now 91, he had first come to increasingly important, not only in promoting the wines of a particular village, but in the village to work in the vineyards before acquiring his own land and developing a successful family winegrowing business.

The ceremony followed procession led by knights of the brotherhood, accompanied by marching bands.

Arriving to a roar of anger

NOTHING sends those who live under or even near the Heathrow flight path into paroxysms of anger like the roar of a jumbo jet as it begins its final approach in the small hours of the morning after a long overnight journey from the Far East.

I was one of 377 people on board a jumbo jet which came in over Windsor at 5.20am on Sunday. And we were not even the first aircraft to land that morning. No wonder the locals complain and demand to know why these wretched planes cannot leave them undisturbed just a little longer.

The problem revolves around the development of super long-range aircraft such as the Boeing 747-400 and the Airbus A340, which can now reach London non-stop in flights lasting more than 14

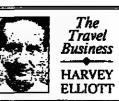
My flight — CX 251, Cathay Pacifics daily 747 service from Hong Kong to Heathrow left Hong Kong's Kai Tak airport at 11.30pm, the last flight of the day to London. It could not leave later because Kai Tak — at the heart of a crowded city - shuts

down at midnight. The route is longer than it need be because of a complex dispute between Britain and China over air services. The Chinese, to put pressure on Britain in negotiations over Hong Kong, have refused to allow aircraft to fly through their airspace on their way to Russia along an airway known as Bravo 330. So Cathay, British Airways and Virgin jets have to fly much

further south over Iran or

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Afghanistan, adding up to an

hour to the flight time. Because Hong Kong is eight hours ahead of London, the 142-hour flight means that the jet should arrive at 6am, still too early for the local residents' peace and quiet. When the headwinds are light it arrives even earlier. Flying on the northern route, if approved, would cut an hour from the journey time so that in the winter the landing

would be at about 4,30am. In two years Hong Kong is to get a new airport, built on an island, which will be open for 24 hours a day. It would, therefore, be possible for the jets to take off at, for example, 2_30am, instead of 11.30pm and arrive at a less disturbing time. But an early-morning departure is inconvenient for passengers, and in any case there are no more landing slots at Heathrow in the middle of the day to accept the

rescheduled flights. Why not switch to daytime flights leaving at midday in-stead of midnight? The same holds true - a lack of slots. And passengers hate travelling for 12 hours or more through the day when sleep is impossible and jet lag is made many times worse. What can be done? Suggestions please, to Cathay Pacific, British Airways or Virgin.

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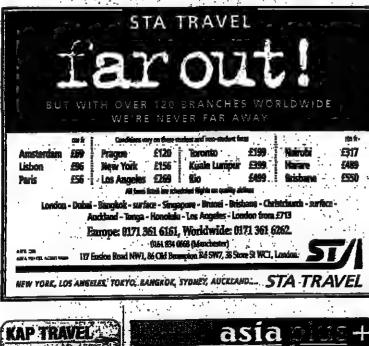
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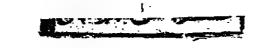


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according to the remedy sought.

Provided that the matter related to

contract, the jurisdiction con-

ferred was available whether the

plaintiff sought to enforce the

contract, either specifically or by

way of damages for breach, or to

escape from it and recover money

paid under it. Further, jurisdiction

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The words "matters relating to a

contract" were intentionally indefi-

nite, and were not to be equated with words such as "contractual causes of action" or "the enforce-

ment of contractual obligations" or

differed, there was a general sense in which the word "contract" was

consensual arrangement intended to create legal relations and to be

His Lordship was not persuaded

by Mr Burton's powerful arguments that "contract" in article 5

While national laws of contract

derstood by the signatories to the Convention; a contract was a

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Convention applies to claim made under void contract

Before Lord Justice Leggatt, Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice

[Judgment January 25]

A claim for restitution of money nullity because of the recipient's want of capacity to enter into it, was a matter "relating to a contract" within the meaning of article S(I) of the Brussels Convention on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters 1968. enacted by the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982. Accordingly, the English court

had jurisdiction, pursuant to the special jurisdiction conferred by article 5, to hear the claim of the recovery of money paid under the terms of seven written interest rate swap contracts, such contracts the House of Lords to be void: see Hazell v Hammersmith and Ful-ham London Borough Council (The Times January 25, 1991; [1992]

The Court of Appeal so held by a majority. Lord Justice Leggatt dissenting in a reserved judgment allowing the appeal of Kleinwort Benson Ltd against the order of Mr Justice Hirst (The Times March 17 1992; [1993] QB 4.29 in favour of Glasgow City Council on its application to set aside the service of the plaintiff's writ on it on the ground that the proper forum for Leave was granted to appeal to

Article 5 of the 1968 Convention. as set out in Schedule 4 to the 1982 Act, provides: "A person domiciled in a part of the United kingdom may, in another part of the United Kingdom, be sued: (1) in matters relating to a contract, in the courts for the place of performance of the obligation in question ... (3) In matters relating to tort, delict or quasi-delict, in the courts for the

Mr Thomas Beazley and Mr Adrian Briggs for the plaintiff bank; Mr Michael Burton, QC and Mr Jonathan Tecks for Glasgow.

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT. dissenting, adopted the facts as set out by the Court of Appeal (1994) QB 404. 411-412) on an application for a reference to the Court of nities under article 177 of the EC

He said that in its simplest form the swap agreement was an agreeone paid to the other, over a period

rate of interest from time to time. its essential leature was that it was a futures contract, the financial outcome of which depended on

future movements in interest rates. local authorities came to use them. by the House of Lords in Hazell to be void ab initio for lack of capacity to enter into them. There followed claims in the Commercial Court mostly by banks against local So far the Court of Appeal had

held a bank was entitled to recove the balance standing to the credit of the authority when the trans-actions were aborted by the Hazell decision: see Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale v Isling-ton London Borough Council (The Times December 30, 1993; [1994] 1 WLR 938).
The plaintiff bank sought

restitution in September 1991 of £807,230, the sum then outstanding to the credit of the defendant authority under the swap arrange-ments. The authority contended that the proper place to bring proceedings was in the courts of oxiand. Mr Burton acknowle ing that the principal reason for that was that the period of limitation which was or might be

applicable was shorter in Scotland. His Lordship said that the lurisdiction Issue proce under Schedule 4 to the 1982 Act, which set out in relation to countries of the United Kingdom provisions comparable with those in the Brussels Convention in relation to contracting states. For purposes of the present case

what proved determinative was the answer to the question whether national or European law should be applied to the construction of Schedule 4. Because the Convention did not apply to the present dispute, nothing in the 1982 Act required the application of Eurothe Brussels Convention and Schedule 4 was Important, and was clearly drawn by the 1982 Act. Whereas by section 3(1) the meaning and effect of the Conven-

tion were to be determined "in accordance with the principles laid down by and any relevant decision of the European Court" section 16 provided that in determining any question as to the meaning and effect of Schedule 4 "regard shall be had to any relevant principles" and any relevant decision of that

therefore, there was no doubt that national law, whether of England, Scotland or Northern Ireland, was to prevail. That was made clear by the Judgment of the European Court (The Times April 17, 1995;

Court of Appeal.

As the European Court had acknowledged, the English court was free to decide whether the mistration given by the Euro-pean Court was equally valid for the purposes of the application of English law based on the Convention.

Although regard was to be had to European law, so that English law would, where possible, be so interpreted as not to conflict with it, that did not entitle the present court to reach a conclusion at variance with English law in the erests of applying its own view of an uncertain and disputed principle of European law.

Mr Beazley submitted, Inter
alia, that the relevant articles of

Schedule 4, as of the Brussels Convention, had to be independently interpreted; so the rules about jurisdiction did not affect the classification of an action in order to determine the applicable principles of liability. The jurisdic tional concepts had to be interpreted chiefly by reference to the system and objectives of the Convention so as to ensure its

He contended that restitutionary claims did not fall into a single category. The language, system and objectives of the Brussels Convention strongly suggested the expression in matters relating to a include a claim for recovery of which one party had no capacity to

It might legitimately be said that the payments in the present case were made under a contract. For purposes of an independent, as distinct from a national, inter-pretation no distinction could property be drawn between a contract which was void, and a contract which was or was to be

He relied particularly on article 10(1)(e) of the Rome Convention on the Law applicable to Contractual Obligations 1980 [implemented by section 2 of, and Schedule I to the Contracts (Applicable Law) Act 1990) as an example of the consequences of nullity being treated for purposes of European law as governed by the law applicable to a

Mr Burton submitted that enrichment was a different cause of action from contract or tort. His submission was on the basis that the interpretation of Schedule 4 was, strictly speaking, a matter for the English court by contrast with the corresponding provisions of the Convention, which were for the

He contended that article 2 (*) persons domiciled in a part of the United Kingdom shall . . . be sued primary, fundamental and normal basis of jurisdiction, and was wholly appropriate for a claim in restitution. The scope of the derogations from article 2 constituted by article 5(1) and (3) was to be restrictively interpreted.

article 5(1) was both inappropriate and inapplicable. The paragraph was intended to enforce contrac-tual provisions, and "obligation" it one that was contractual or consensual because it was concontract in the piace of

present case, no contractual obligation and no place of performance of such an obligation, so that it was unhelpful to ask where the contract would have been peration of law by way of unjust His Lordship said that since

article 5 was concerned with

exceptions to the general rule created by article 2, the provisions of arricle 5 were to be construed restrictively for purposes of Eng-lish as well as Community law. Most European jurisdictions, including England and Scotland, regarded restitution as a separate cause of action from contract and tors. An important case for present purposes, Martin Peters Bau-unternehmung GmbH v Zuid Nederlandse Aannemers Vereniging (Case 34/82) ([1983] ECR 987) showed that under Community law the court would assume jurisdiction even in a case where the relationship between the parties was not contractual but only akin

But there still was a continuing consensual basis for the action in that case. The point of conferring a special jurisdiction for contractual matters was that there might be expected to be a connection be-tween the place of performance of ation in question and the courts for that place.

In the present case the cause of proved not to be any contractual Of course they had contracted with entering into an enforceable con-tract. The place where the contract was, or would have been, per-formed, if it had been enforcesble,

To accord to the English courts jurisdiction, it would be necessary to construe the phrase in article 5(1) as meaning matters relating to a relationship which the parties erroneously believed to be contractual". There was a relationship akin to contract, but it was bereft of legal effect when transactions of that nature were adjudged void. Both parties regarded article 10(t)(e) of the Rome Convention, which expressly included the con-sequences of multity within the scope of the law of contracts, as

Mr Burton contended that the very fact the paragraph was left out of article 5(!) demonstrated a determination within the United Kingdom to exclude the consequences of nullity from the scope of the law of contracts.

His Lordship said that it was true that that showed the general approach under Community law ms to regard the consequences of nullity as contractual. But it equally demonstrated an intention for purposes of national law to e the consequences of nullity from the contractual context.

In article 5(1) the phrase "performance of the obligation in question" most naturally released to the performance prescribed by the contract of the relevant contractual obligations: that is, the payment in London of money due under the supposed contract. That had nothing to do with the claim in with the repayment of money received by the defendant authority.

in his Lordship's judgment, Mr Justice Hirst reached the correct conclusion and it was therefore impossible to regard a claim for unjust enrichment as a matter relating to a contract. The claim in restitution fell outwith the scope of

LORD JUSTICE ROCH said that whether the present case came within article 5(1) turned on the meaning of the words "a contract and "the obligation" in the article.

If "a contract" was to be interpreted solely with reference to English law, his Lordship would have agreed the present case could not be a matter relating to a contract, because the contract was void, was a nullity and never

His Lordship accepted Mr Beazley's interpretation of article 5(1) as being consistent with the Martin Peters case and Arcado SPRL v SA Haviland (Case 9/87) (1988) ECR 1539, 1554, paragraphs iO and ii).

If the words "a contract" included a contract void ab initio it could not be doubted that actio to recover moneys paid in the mistaken belief that there was a valid contract between the parties had to be "matters in relation to a Although the Martin Peters case

was not an exact parallel to the present case because there the relationship between the Dutch association and the German

The case was a guide to the proper

Further, the importance of article (0(1)(e) of the Rome Convention was that it demonstrated that European law did not treat a void contract as a contract which did not have and had never had any existence. It was a contract albeit a

The word "obligation" in article 5(I) was not custimed to contractual obligations. Had that been the intention of the drafters of the Convention, or the partial draftsmen, then the word "contrac tual" would have qualified "obligation". The absence of any qualification threw light on the neaming to be given to the words

the question of jurisdiction was not to be determined by an application of national law. The result was desirable because it would give concurrent jurisdiction to the courts of the country, the law of which would most probably gov-ern the dispute between the par-

The law of the country where a defendant was domiciled might have little to do with the dispute, for example, the Martin Peters case. In the present case, if the land, the Scottish courts would have to apply English law.

In his Lordship's judgment, Mr.

Beazley's interpretation of article 5

achieved the objective of conferour territorially best qualified to etermine the present dispute. It did not follow that all claims for restitution based on unjust enrichment would come within the article, because the basis of the claim in many such cases would be other than the existence of a void

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said that the correct approach in determining whether a claim was to be regarded as falling within article 5(1) was to ask whether, for the purposes of the Convention, which applied to a number of member states with different nat ional laws and systems of characterisation, the defendant should broadly be regarded as being sued in a matter relating to a contract. It was wrong to ask whether the claim would be characterised as contractual under

The jurisdictional criteria had to be interpreted by reference to the system and objectives of the Convention to ensure that it was effective. Those objectives included legal certainty, consistency, the avoidance of parallel proceedings and the avoidance of possibly conflicting decisions in different

then that contract in arrive and did not include a void contract. They appeared to depend on the kind of analysis employed by a national law in the classification of purposes, rather than the very broad and unanalytical approach

Even if every member state treated a contract as a nullity if one of the parties lacked capacity, that should not be treated as if it were a rule of natural law and of univer-In the present case the parties,

purporting to enter into a contract, assumed obligations to each other and intended them to be legally enforceable. When parties acted, the intended place of performanoe was no less relevant a connecting factor because the con-tract was afterwards found to be

His Lordship could see no resson, as a matter of language, why the word "contract" should not include void contract, and the expression "place of performance of the obligation in question" should not mean "intended place of performance of the supposed obligation".

There was a real difference between the case where negotia-tions had not led to a concluded contract, where there was no contract at all, and the case where they had led to a contract, so that there was a contract in fact, but one of the parties lacked contractual capacity, so that there was no contract in law.

In the present case the European Commission, the United King-dom, France and Spain, as well as the plaintiff bank had submitted, when the case was referred by the

sition. Littaur v Steggies Palmer

present case, had counsel advised

against proceeding and so decified to settle proceedings it would have been unrecessary to return to the legal aid committee to seek dis-

The certificate had covered all

that had been done and there was

nothing more to do. It was now spent. The only purpose of return-

ing to the committee would have

charge of the certificate.

jurisdiction was not allocated should be answered in the affirmative namely that the bank's claim was in a matter relating to a contract. Only the defendant aushould be answered in the

Three considerations persuaded his Lordship as to the correctness of the plaintiff's submission:

First, in most cases the validity would not be consistent with the objectives of the Convention if a court having jurisdiction to decide the contract's validity did not also have jurisdiction to decide the consequences; or if it had jurisdicnot in the other

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Second, it was often notoriously difficult to distinguish between contractual and restitutionary causes of action. Claims in quanturn meruit, for example, were usually thought of as contractual and in most situations were clearly matters relating to a contract. Bi there was a respectable case for classifying all such claims as restitutionary, and in some situa

Third, if the claim was properly regarded as a matter relating to a contract, then the court having iurisdiction under article 5(1) was the court for the place where the supposed contractual obligation the place where the unjust enrich ment . occurred . and the restitutionary obligation arose. That produced a scheme for the allocation of jurisdiction which was both coherent and satisfying,

The defendant authority's arguments all proceed from three basic I That all member states rec-

ognised the existence of three categories of civil action; contractual, delictual and restitutionary, with broadly the same lines of 2 That all restitutionary claims had to be treated alike; and

3 That they fell outside the article. In his Lordship's view the structure of the Convention precluded that analysis. Its failure to provide specifically for restitutionary ciaims had to be due to a recogmition of the fact that they over lapped with contractual and delictual claims, and that the lines of demarcation were not identical in the various national laws.

money paid under a valid contract where there was a total failure o consideration was a restitutionary claim in a contractual context; or were delictual or quasi-delictual.

Accordingly his Lordship rejected the submission that all restitutionary claims necessarily fell outside article 5.

Solicitors: Clifford

then onwards the plaintiff held no

certificate had been issued and the

plaintiff was not entitled to the

As in the Littaur case everything

which the current certificate had

authorised to be done had been

done. The judge had reached the right conclusion and the appeal

protection of section 17.

would be tismissed.

Lord Justice Peter

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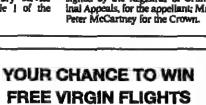
Regina v Salt Before Lord Justice Staughton, Mr Justice Macpherson of Cluny and

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The Court of Appeal so stated when allowing an appeal by Frederick Arthur Salt against his conviction on June 20, 1995 at Stoke-on-Trent Crown Court (Mr Recorder Warner and a jury) of burglary and assault with intent to

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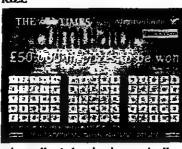


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LORD JUSTICE STAUGH-

and the son became one of the 12 jurious at the trial of the appellant. It had come to the attention of

during the previous year. Under Schedule I to the 1974 Act,

There was no rule of law that the random, but every effort should be made, so far as practicable, to ensure that the selection was

The selection of this juror ex-ceeded anything which could reasonably be described as random or random so far as

TON said that the son of one of the ushers at the crown court had been called on by his father to sit as a member of the jury when the number of jurors available at that court was insufficient. A summons was issued, a ballot card created

their Lordships that the son had sat as a member of the jury in the grown court on live or six occasions

mong the list of persons ineligible for jury service, there was an entry:
"Officers and staff of any court, if
their work is wholly or mainly
concerned with the day-to-day
administration of the court." The son of an usher, who regularly attended as a juror, could well be said to be within the spirit of that disqualification. He had become in danger of being regarded as an

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Staffordshire,

King and Others v Eaton Ltd

Before the Lord Justice-Clerk (Lord

Ross), Lord Johnston and Lord

Where an employer proposed to select employees for redundancy by means of certain assessment

criteria, he was obliged to consult

either the affected employees or their representatives about his

proposed selection method, when the proposals had not finally been

formulated, giving the consultees adequate information on which to

respond, adequate time in which to do so, and an indication that he

was prepared to give real consid-

The fact that at meetings with

the unions no specific reference

had been made by them to the

selection method only served to establish the absence of proper

The Second Division of the Inner

House of the Court of Session 🖘 held, allowing an appeal by Mr

George King and three others against a decision of the Employ-

ment Appeal Tribunal allowing an

appeal by their former employers. Eaton Ltd, against a decision of the

ndustrial tribunal that the ap-

eration to their response.

ijudgment December 81

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Mas-ter of the Rolls, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice [Judgment January 26]

Where a plaintiff had been granted legal aid limited to cover specific procedural steps, the certificate was spent once those steps had

Accordingly, where the certifi-cate had not been discharged but the specific steps had been com-pleted, he was not protected from iability for costs by section 17 of the Legal Aid Act 1988 as a legally assisted person in respect of any step taken outside the scope of the

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by the plain-dff, Jeffrey Turner, from Judge Ford, who, in the Patents County Court, on the plaintiff's filing notice of discontinuance of his action against the defendant, Plasplugs Ltd. had refused his application for an order that his liability for costs was limited as If section 17 of the 1988 Act applied. The plaintiff was granted a legal

against |the defendant| for breach of patent rights ... limited to Obtaining further evidence and thereafter counsel's opinion as to merits and quantum, to include settling of proceedings or a defence (and counterclaim) if counsel so

Those steps were completed and thereafter the plaintiff, without further reference to the legal aid area committee for an extension of the certificate, issued proceedings. After considering the defence and

Mr Peter Grant-Hutchison for

the employees: Mr lan Truscon for

THE LORD JUSTICE-CLERK.

delivering the opinion of the court, said that the applicants contended

that the respondents had acted unreasonably in dismissing them

for redundancy, in terms of section

57(3) of the Employment Protection

Connolidation) Act 1978.

The industrial tribunal had held

that the respondents had failed to

show that their method of selecting employees for redundancy, which

had involved marking then

according to selection criteria, had

been fair in general terms and had

been applied reasonably. The

Employment Appeal Tribunal had

The industrial tribunal had ac-

cepted that the respondents did not

require to prove the accuracy of all the information upon which they

had acted. Their decision had

however, depended inter alia on

their finding that there had been

no consultation worthy of the name with any of the employees.

dismissal unfair: see British Aero-

reversed that decision.

dant, counsel for the plaintiff felt ings. It incurred the relevant costs unable to recommend extension of the certificate and the plaintiff Mr Gilead Cooper for the plaintiff; Mr Gregory Chambers for the

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the appeal raised un issue of considerable practical importance on the legal effect of a legal aid certificate granted to the present plaintiff: where the certificate was limited by reference not to particular claims or issues but to specific procedural steps or stages. Limitations of that type had fallen for consideration in Dugon v Williamson [[1964] Ch 59] and Boorman v Godfrey [[1981] I WLR

The plaintiff had argued that he was at all times, in the terminology of the 1988 Act "a legally assisted person" as defined in section 2(11) with the result that he was entitled to the benefit of section 17.

The question was, since the plaintiff had been assessed as having a nil contribution, whether section 17 applied to the present having regard to the language of the 1988 Act and the Civil Legal Aid (General) Regulations (SI 1989 No 339), his Lordship would regard

the answer to that question as clear. The plaintiff did not have the benefit of a certificate to issue proceedings. That was something done without the benefit of legal

Absence of proper consultation

plicants had been unfairly space plc v Green ([1995] ICR 1000);

Ferguson v Prestwick Circuits Ltd (1992) IRLR 266): Graham v A.B.F. Ltd (1986) IRLR 90); Robertson v Magnet Ltd (1993) IRLR 512): Polkey v A. E. Dayton Services Ltd (1988) 1 AC 344).

approved of in Duff v Yeoman and Partners Ltd (1994) IRLR 642), but

their Lordships did not under-tand the Court of Appeal to have disagreed with the observations of Lord Coulsfield on the importance

in the present case there had

been no consultation with the individual employees. The employ-

ers contended that there had,

however, been consultation with

their trade unions. There had been a number of meetings with the

unions at which no objection had

been taken to the assessment

method, nor any specific reference

made thereto, and accordingly there had been adequate

Their Lordships agreed with the

definition of fair consultation of Lord Justice Glidewell In R v

British Coal Corporation, Ex-parte Vandy (1993) ICR 720): consultation when the proposals

of consultation.

costs before the issue of proceedpreparing and delivering its de-fence to proceedings which the certificate did not have to be relevant certificate. His solicitors egal aid committee to issue.

Plaintiff not protected when legal aid certificate spent

His Lordship could not see how. in relation to those costs, the plaintiff was to be regarded as a egally assisted person. That was exactly what he was not. He had been such for the accomplishment of three clearly defined procedural steps. They had been accom-plished. There was strictly no needto discharge the certificate. It was spent. Everything it authorised had been done.

The plaintiff had argued that Dugon's case and Boorman's case compelled a different solution. His Lordship examined both cases. The effect of the former decision was both clear and correct. The latter decision was distinguishable. In that case the three pro-cedural steps for which the certificate provided had not, it seemed, been accomplished. Here

if Boomson's case was good authority for the proposition that a certificate protected the beneficiary against orders for costs during its currency even though it was ted to certain procedural steps and the costs in question had not been incurred in relation to any of those steps, the case did not entitle the present plaintiff to protection against costs, unless that case was also authority for the proposition that a certificate granted to cover certain procedural steps or stages protected the assisted party against an order for costs until the

are still at a formative stage: (b) adequate information on which to

sadequate information on white to respond; (c) adequate time in which to resond; (d) conscientious consideration by an authority of a respinse to consultation": see also Rowell v Hubbard Group Services

Their Lordships also accepted

In the present case such dis-

cussions as took place with the union appeared to have taken place after the respondents' pro-posals had been formulated, and

there was no indication that the

trade unions had been given any

adequate time within which to respond, nor had any indication

been given that the respondents

were prepared to give any real

consideration to any response

If there had been no specific

reference at the meetings to the

selection procedures and the

assessment method, then the only

had been no proper consultation.

Law agents: L & L Lawrence:

from the union.

that the required consultation could be directly with the employee

Ltd ([1995] IRLR 195].

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agreed and Lord Justice been to obtain an extension. That Schiemann delivered a judgment concurring in the result. could have been done and it was plain that had application been duly made authority to issue Solicitors: Mildred & Beaumont. dings would have been Battersea;

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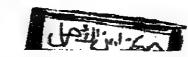
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Irish Festival clues

VERAL British trainers way yesterday when he was I be monitoring events in confirmed aboard Flashing land over the next ten days, Steel in the Hennessy Cognac ten Richard Dunwoody's Irish Gold Cup at Leopardseltenham commitments to town on Sunday. Flashing ermot Weld and Edward Steel has been Jamie Os-Grady will become clear. borne's mount, but Duri-woody's availability leaves That process, weather peritting, starts today at Osborne free to team up with inchestown, where Dun-Master Oats. Dunwoody thus ody partners the O'Gradyrenews an association with nined Balawhar. Among a Flashing Steel that has regisest of booked rides at tered three triumphs from opardstown on Sunday is four starts. The jockey is e Weld-trained Treble Bob, a ading candidate for the Sun

liance Chase.

ash with Danoli.

The show moves to Gowran

irk on Saturday week, when ortune And Fame, Dun-

oody's intended mount in the

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expected to exercise Flashing Steel at Punchestown today. Dunwoody's retainers in Ireland have dovetailed per-fectly with his freelance activities in Britain, and there may. be further fruits at Sandown on Saturday. Adrian Maguire, retained by the David Nicholson stable, must prove his andown on Saturday.

Another potentially lucrathis morning. Should Mave ride came Dunwoody's guire's injured knee require

more time to heal, Dunwoody is on standby to fill the breach. Flashing Steel has been entered for this year's Grand National, although Mulhern indicated he would wait another year before an assault

on Aintree. A new 43-hour declaration process has thrown up the need for reserves to be added to the maximum field of 40 and the British Horseracing Board yesterday made provision for up to four horses to join the cast in the event of subsequent withdrawals.

The sorry saga involving Kim Ramsden; David Spencer and their Palacegate Corporation Ltd reached a climax when all three entities were effectively banned from taking any part in horse racing in Britain for five years by the lockey Club yesterday. Each was found to have acted in a manner prejudicial to the integrity, proper conduct and good reputation of racing.

However, the Club had no authority to act over Palacegate Corporation's tipping lines, some of which have been severely sanctioned by the premium-line watchdog.

Cousins obituary, page 21

Ontract Dunwoody looks for Crow plans to stay ahead on points

Carl Evans meets a

champion rider with strong home support

for his title defence

returns at Wolverhampton this weekend, and that is not a reference to Frankie Dettori or all-weather racing. Pointto pointing's national men's champioo, Alastair Crow, will be lining up on Dunstall Park's turf jumps course.
The Boxing Day National

Hunt card having been frozen off, Sunday's North Westem Hunts Club meeting will be the first jump racing at the track since February 1993, and Crow will have five rides,

weather permitting.

The weather has been a big factor for him this week, with snow around his Shropshire home adding to a hectic-schedule. With almost 30 pointers to be exercised and the landscape deep and crisp but far from even, each piece of work has involved boxing the horses, five at a time, to a woodchip circular canter a mile away. Those running this weekend have been taking a one-hour journey to Wolverbampion's all-weather track for a gallop.

Crow's success is his fam-

ily's, and a closer knit team it is hard to imagine. Edward Crow rode champion show ponies as a boy and now farms 1,800 acres. His wife, Sheila, trains the pointers, having been the North West's ladies' champion rider in her twenties - her brother. Roy Edwards, won the Champion Hurdle on Saucy Kit, while another brother, Gordon, has a ten-horse string of pointers which acts as a very nice back-up when Alastair goes title-chasing. Lucy, Alastair's sister, won

the national women's title in 1989 on her parents' horses, a feat matched by her brother



in 1993 and again last year. at Wolverhampton is a good "Everything we do is for our children," Sheila says with an infectious loyalty. "But we don't play soft games. If we play tiddly-winks we play to win." Alastair agrees, saying: "We do everything as a family and we are very enthusiastic about the way in which we do it."

It is lunchtime and he is smoking, snatching gulps of soup and answering the phone in a honed routine while a lorry ticks over outside, waiting to ferry another batch of horses to exercise. His mother is shouting from the kitchen, telling him to

hurry up.
"Taking the horses to work

and too heavy to consider example," he says. "It's a turning professional, while hassle going all that way but his style in the saddle prowe do it enthusiastically vokes comment. "It's rather because that's how to get the more Pat Taaffe than Jamie n a period when a

number of neat young riders take part in pointing on their way to a professional career - Peter Henley, the champion's biggest danger, is one — Crow, 27, is a true amateur. Potatoes, tons of them, grown on his father's farm, pay his wages and he received nothing from owners last season via the amateurs' "black market", such as money for petrol.

He is nearly six feet tall

Osborne," admit his friends. referring to an upright stance which becomes an all-action effort in a tight finish. "I'm a good horseman, and that's about it," Crow says defensively. "I'm good tacti-

cally. Does it matter what you look like if you win?" Figures suggest he is right, with 30 wins and 25 places last season from 98 rides in points. His mother, a confessed critic, adds: "It's rare for him to get beaten when he should have won and yet he looks after horses."

Seven victories last year on Scally Muire (trained by his uncle, Gordon) and six on Moss Castle is testament to Crow's nursing abilities during a race. He puts it down to preparation at home.

Going to the races should be their day off," he says. "Get them fit and the job is done." ignoring the fact that 18 fences and three miles have to be negotiated. That is something in which his parents can play no role but they can supply the raw material and their contacts in Ireland keep Crow in horseflesh - to the extent that the bookmakers rate him 5-2 favourite to win the national title for the

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Hong Kong drops royal title

By HARVEY ELLIOTT

THE Royal Hong Kong Jock-ey Club, the dominating force Club has become one of Hong in the colony's sporting life, will cease to exist in July - at least in name. Exactly one year before the People's Republic of China takes over Hong Kong, the Club, which raised more than £100 million for charity last year, will become known simply as the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

Guy Watkins, the Club's chief executive for the last ten years, will soon be writing to the Queen asking formal permission to abandon the royal title, granted more than 30 years ago in recognition of the Club's charitable work. Over the last decade the

Kong's major tourist attractions as well as a mecca for high-spending local racegoers. who are otherwise forbidden by law from gambling. Now the Hong Kong Tourist Authority runs regular

racing tours for foreign visitors to the Happy Valley and Sha Tin courses, each of which attracts at least 45,000 punters to the twice-weekly meetings. The Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club is arguably the

world's most profitable sporting club. Last season, the turnover from betting was a staggering £6.5 billion, which resulted in a windfall income of £800 million for the Hong Kong government. More than three million punters came to

jockeys, riding over 1,000 registered horses in spectacular surroundings, have attracted live television audiences from Canada to Mexico and from California to Malaysia. Beijing has made it clear

that it will allow racing to continue at Happy Valley and Sha Tin, but that the name of the Club must change. Watkins is handing over as chief executive to Laurence Wong in April and returning to West

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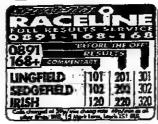
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Kelso in doubt

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Newcastle's move for Asprilla near to collapse

IT WAS the silence, in the end, castle United refused to make any comment last night about speculation emanating from Italy that their proposed £6.7 million move for the Colombia international, Faustino Asprilla, is in jeopardy. The signs were, however, that the transfer that has stirred so

much interest has collapsed. A spokesman for Parma. Asprilla's club in Italy, revealed yesterday that they believed Newcastle were ready to pull out of the transfer which they claim had already been agreed. There was further speculation in the Italian media that Parma will now press for compensation from the English club if the deal does not go ahead.

The Parma spokesman said last night: "We believed that we had completed the sale of Asprilla to Newcastle last Friday. However, he still remains a player with us and it seems that Newcastle are now going back on their intentions. We are waiting to hear what their position is, but it would appear that Asprilla will remain a Parma player for the

time being.
"We would be very unhappy if the transfer was not completed because we had an agreement and the financial deal was done. Newcastle had agreed the fee and we don't believe there is any room for

The Newcastle chairman, Sir John Hall, yesterday refused to comment on the growing conviction among most observers that they would not now complete the signing of the player who has contrived to generate so much interest since it was learnt only a week ago that he was bound for the North East. A spokesman for Newcastle explained that Sir John and the club's chief executive, Freddle Fletch-er, were bound for the United States last night, raising speculation that they may be intent on beginning the process of renegotiation with the Colorabian who has remained in his

home country since flying out of Newcastle after talks last

agree the exact nature of payment of a signing-on fee that has been agreed with Asprilla. He wanted a £2 million payment up front be-fore he arrived in England; the club, on the other hand, want

to pay the money over the course of a four-year contract.

There was further suggestion yesterday that the deal could have been jeopardised because of a medical examination that the electric had examination. tion the player had at a Newcastle hospital on Friday. It was reputed that Asprilla was suffering from a knee problem that had put the

move on hold.

The player, however, said from his home in Colombia last night that such speculation was wide of the mark: "I have not had any knee problems and I am perfectly fit to play. This is simply unitrue. There are no problems with my knees at all."

Nevio Scala, the Parma coach, was adamant that any suggestion of a knee problem being to blame for doubt over the transfer was a smokescreen for Newcastle's

apparent about-turn. We are not aware of any medical problems from the player at all. The only problem he has ever had with his knee was back in 1991 with his previous club, Nacional Medellin. There has never been an occurrence of that problem and we can guarantee that to

Asprilla is at present serv ing a one-year suspended sentence for firearms offences in his native country and it could be that which has created the apparent impasse affecting

the transfer. Home Office officials have suggested that the sentence may prevent him from entering the country to take up employment, because the rules prevent any person re-maining in the United King-dom if they have been found guilty of a crime which carries a one-year jail sentence or onger in the British courts. Newcastle may be wary of paying so much money for a



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West Ham winning race to sign Dani

WEST Ham United appeared to be on the verge of pulling off a transfer coup yesterday, securing the services of Dani Carvalho, the Portugal inter-national, until the end of the

Carvalho, 19, known better as Dani, is regarded as one of most desirable commodities on the European market, a fact underlined by the air of

secrecy that descended over Upton Park yesterday.
Harry Redknapp, the West
Ham manager, admitted to
having talks about the player,
but refused to divuige further details of the proposed transaction. Peter Storrie, the London club's managing director, was even less forthcoming. "We have nothing to say

at the moment." he said. Reports emerging from Portugal, however, suggested that Dani, of Sporting Lisbon, was on his way to London to undergo a medical as part of a player who is not guaranteed proposed £130,000 deal. He is likely to be joined by the the right to ply his trade

Santana Lopes, tomorrow to finalise the deal. The player

would then return borne and report back for training a West Ham on Monday.

Dani has fallen out with the gaining a "bad boy" reputation. He has been accused of leading an excessive lifestyle, but he remains a regular in the national side that has

qualified for the European championship this summer and his talent is beyond doubt. "He gets into the Portuguese squad, but can't get into the Sporting Lisbon team," Redknapp said. Everyone says Portugal is one of Europe's best and it is not often you get the chance to sign their

players."
Redknapp has run into problems obtaining work permits for his two recent international acquisitions — Slaven Bilic, of Croatia, and Ilie Dumitrescu, of Romania but there would be no such

Bold Tunisia defy odds to reach final

TUNISIA continued their reat adventure in the African Nations Cup yesterday by confounding the experts and reaching the final. The Tuni-

sians achieved a surprising 4-2 victory over much-fancied Zambia in their semi-final at King's Park, Durban. This has been Tunisia's best performance in the African Nations' Cup since they last reached the final in 1965, when they lost to Ghana. After they needed a penalty shoot-out to defeat Gabon in the quarter-finals, many thought that Zambia, finalists two years ago and playing in their third semi-final in four sourna-

were a pale shadow of the side that advanced so impressively into the last four. During the first hour of the match, Zambia were completely out-played. Their play lacked invention and resolve and they found themselves trailing 3-0. Adel Sellimi, Zoubeir Beya

ments since 1990, would be too

However, the favourites

By OUR SPORTS STAFF Tunisia's scorers. Beya's goal after 30 minutes was probably the pick of the bunch, a curling free-kick from 25 yards that found James Phiri, the Zam-

bia goalkeeper, hopelessly out

of position.

Phiri was also left clawing at air as be tried to scuttle back to his goalline after making a save on the edge of his area, only to see Kodhbane beat him with a left-footed lob from 30 yards for Tunisia's third goal. Zambia hauled themselve back into the game with a goal by Dennis Lota in the 68th minute, but, although other chances followed, the Tunisian defence held firm and their place in Saturday's final was assured five minutes from

time when Sellimi scored his

second goal of the match from

the penalty spot after Mehdi Slimane had been fouled by

Elijah Litana

Hilary Makasa scored a consolation goal for Zambia in injury time, but their early lethargic approach had cost them the match and Tunisia

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Arsenal say Venables report was 'garbage'

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

KEN FRIAR, the Arsenal managing director, yesterday dismissed a report linking Terry Venables with the club as "total garbage". It had been alleged that the England coach, who intends to vacate his post after this summer's being courted as a replacement for Bruce Rioch, the

manager at Highbury, who has yet to sign a contract. "We don't like commenting on reports like this, but it's total garbage," Friar said. "It

It is understood that Rioch's acknowledged failure to sign the proffered four-year contract is not because of any dispute with the Arsenal poard, but simply due to an

administrative oversight.
Nicky Butt, the Manchester
United midfield player, has failed in his attempt to get a one-match suspension over-ruled. Birtt, who was sent off during his side's recent 1-0 victory at West Ham United. had hoped that the Football Association would ask the referee, Stephen Lodge, to look at a video of the incident

and reconsider his verdict.

Steve Double: an FA.

spokesman, said: "We are not
considering the appeal as
Butt was dismissed for two
bookable offences. We feel the

incident does not warrant Butter investigation."

Butt will miss the game with Blackburn Rovers at Old Trafford on February 10.

A court in Mannheim.

Germany, yesterday passed a three year suspended jail sen-tence on Maurizio Gaudino, the former Manchester City midfield player, for his part in a car insurance fraud. Gaudino, 29, was convicted after helping friends to make bogus claims for missing

cars while he was playing for Eintracht Frankfurt in the Bundesliga.
The Germany internation al, who made 20 appearances in the FA Carling Premiership for City last season, after joining the club in a foan deal, was also fined just over ten coor.

Nigel Spink, the Aston Villa goalkeeper, has signed for West Bromwich Albion on a free transfer. Spink, 37, a former England international, spent 19 years at Villa Park but has agreed a 25-year deal with Alan Buckley, the Albion manager, and is expected to make his debut away to

Hutchison's welken pace gives England upper hand

PAUL HUTCHISON, the England Under-19 and York-shire fast bowler, was again the scourge of Zimbabwe Under-19 as the third and final international cricket match began in Bulawayo yesterday. Hutchison, who took eight for Hutchison, who took eight for 43 in England's victory in the first match of the series, took six for 21 as Zimbabwe were dismissed for 143. By the close, England were 96 for three, with Noel Gie, of Nottingham-

shire, unbeaten on 44.
David Murphy, the Zimba bwe all-rounder, hit 46 before being run out, but the day belonged to Hutchison, whose speed, accuracy and long intimidatory run up have in-fluential in the series.

Dazzling Snow Real termis: Julian Snow, of Great Britain, won his second title at the US Open champi-onships in New York when he partnered Nick Wood, the Hampton Court professional, to add the doubles' title to the singles crown that he had already won: In an all-British final, Snow and Wood defeated Chris Bray and Mike Gooding, the world No 1 dou-

Gooding the world No 1 doubles partnership.

I Nigel Pendirigh and Alex (Roberts-Miller, of Charterhouse reached the semi-finals of the Henry Leaf public schools doubles championship by beating Mark Coghlan and Martin Pairbarne of Cranleigh, for the

barns, of Cranicigh, for the loss of only three games.

League agreed Ice hockey: The proposed super league became a certainty yesterday after a meeting at which officials of the new league and representa-tives of the British Ice Hockey Association signed an agree ment allowing the new league to operate. Detailed information regarding membership criteria will be submitted to clubs next week and it is hoped

Garrett on line

to announce the new fran-chises in March with the

league starting next season.

Paskerball: Worthing Bears will replace Derrick Plair with Tim Garrett, the 6ft 8in American forward. Garrett, 34, was granted a work permit yester-day and is expected to make his debut in the Budwelser



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Tuesday's late results

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McMillan shows he has plenty to offer

BY SRIEUMAR SEN BOXING CORRESPONDENT

COLIN McMILLAN is to ask the British Boxing Board of Control how long he will have to wait to be nominated as a leading contender for the British featherweight champion-

ship.
The board has preferred.
Peter Harris. of Wales, to McMillan as the challenger for Jon-Jo Irwin's title, but McMillan showed on Tuesday in Barking, in stopping Justin Murphy, of Brighton, in four rounds, that he is close to finding his old form and is more than capable of chal-

lenging Irwin.
The former World Boxing Organisation (WBO) champion, who won a Lonsdale Belt in record time in 1991, cannot understand why Harris was chosen when the Welshman was knocked out in three rounds by Welcome Neita, of South Africa, in his last bout. McMillan is still not the boxer he was before he dislo-

cated a shoulder against Ruben Palacio in 1992, but,

with regular meaningful bouts, believes he could regain his form. He is still the best technician in British boxing and met Murphy for no money to prove that he should not be ignored any more. He reduced the Brighton man to the level of a raw novice and heartened his followers by producing the breathtaking combinations that had been missing since

phy said. McMillan said he wanted to challenge Naseem Hamed, the WBO champion, but believed he needed a couple more bouts first. Frank Maloney, who staged the Barking show, says he will be

his injury. "I guarantee he'll beat Steve Robinson," Mur-

talking to McMillan and is willing to promote him. "With his style he has to be an active fighter, like Lennox Lewis," Maloney said. "He's

got to keep busy."

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT The proprietor fell for a couple of old gags on this TGR hand.

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PARES

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There are two points about this lead. The first is that, with a suit headed by KJ 108, it is correct to lead low, rather than the jack, when you suspect length may be held on your right. The honour lead frequently blocks the suit. That was the case here.

The second point is that, when you have a long suit with no side entry, leading the two may persuade the declarer to think that you have only four of the suit. In that case, he may decide not to hold up. It worked like a dream. Howard Cohen, the declarer, won the first club and crossed to chiminy with a spade, on

which I played the ten. He continued with the ten of diamonds, which I covered. After winning the king of diamonds, declarer laid down

defence would have to play into one of his red suit renaces. We did, after Zia had taken five ciub tricks. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

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By Philip Howard

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEINE

CHIESE CORRESPONDENT Solid defence Michael Adams, the British grandmaster, has established himself as the most active of

our leading players. His style is tenacious and, on his day, he is capable of defeating the best. At the Wijk aan Zee tournament, he scored a creditable plus one, including the following win, where his defensive powers enabled him to. beat off the sacrificial onslaught by the former Yugoslav grandmaster.

White: Ivan Sokolov. Black: Michael Adams Wijk aan Zee, January 1996 F.

Bogo-Indian Defence

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By Raymond Keene

White to move. This position is from the game Reti — Carls, Baden Baden, 1925. Here, White has the possibility of the very strong L Roff - However, there is a saying in chess that, when you see a good move, look for a better one, and this is what White did here. What did he play?

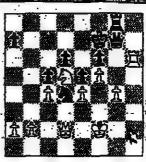


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World No 1 struggles in Australia

Nervous Norman feels there is no place like home

cace has broken out in the feud between Greg Norman and a section of his countrymen. Norman has flown to the land of his birth, the land retire, the land he loves more than any other in the world. So far, he has not criticised the greens at The Vines, here in Perth. where he is competing this week, no journalist has called him money-grabbing. though he is receiving handsome appearance money, and he has been as obliging to all and sundry as he is in Europe and the United States.

This is in marked contrast to Norman's last trip home. Before Christmas, he returned to play in the Australian Open in Melbourne and the Greg Norman Holden Classic in Sydney. In those two weeks, a series of rows erupted around the world's No I golfer.

He had a torrid dispute, partly conducted on television, with the head greenkeeper at Kingston Heath, where the Open was staged. He was publicly rebuked for not doing Peter Senior, who then went



John Hopkins, in Perth, reports on a golfer fêted elsewhere but

without honour in his own land

Then Norman, normally gra-cious and talkative in his dealings with golf journalists, was almost monosyllabic when he came to talk to them. One Australian journalist wrote a story suggesting that he had never seen a public

figure so badly treated by the media. Even as Norman returned to the United States. one of the country's most respected sports journalists wrote: "Australian golf is in urgent need of some perspec-tive in its view of Greg Norman. Let us continue rejoicing in his immense talent, but let's treat him as a flesh and blood sportsman with faults, not a demi-god."

Frank Williams, Norman's manager, knows what lies behind all this — and it is not his man's fault. "It's the tall poppy syndrome," Williams you parked a Rolls Royce in Collins Street, Melbourne, it is likely to be scratched." In the three days since his private jet touched down in Perth from Singapore, Norman has appeared less at ease than normal and certainly less

comfortable than you would

expect him to be when he is at

home. There is a wariness in those fierce eyes. He stares icily at his questioners as if he is suspicious of their motives. At his first press conference of the week, Norman began warily, replying to a question about whether the previous controversies had been forgotten. "They won't be if you keep bringing them up," he said. Even in the relaxed atmosphere of Tuesday's practice

less relaxed than usual. "Greg gets hurt," Williams said. "People write things that are quite cruel and think, because he is wealthy and successful, he won't be hurt by them. But he is. He feels for his wife and his kids.

round, when he played with

"Greg loves Australia. If he could transport everything that he has in the US back home and still play the US circuit, then he would do it in five minutes. The day he retires is the day he will come back here. He loves the place, everything about it.

'He comes here each time with such high hopes and so often is disappointed. He would never say he was not coming back to Australia. Greg Norman not returning to Australia is like the Sydney Harbour bridge crumbling overnight. It is not going to

happen.
"His biggest problem, for a very private man, is a lack of privacy. He can't sit down for a meal, can't go out for a walk, can't go to the cinema. The only true place where he can are private place where he can be still the place where he can be seen to be se get privacy is in the middle of the ocean on his boat or 45,000 feet up in the air in his own

If Norman is a flawed hero in Australia, he remains a source of erryy to his peers. "He is so focussed when he ell." Erme Els. of South Africa, said. "In that respect, he is the best in the world. I have huge respect for him. He is a self-made multi-

When asked what aspect of Norman's game he coveted most, lan Woosnam, the Welshman, replied: "I'd have his driving for its straightness and length.

millionaire. That is pretty

Norman, 41 next week, is a sponsor's dream, aimost aiways increasing the sale of tickets when he competes. "TV ratings for last year's Australian Open peaked at 23 million because Greg was playing," Williams said. "Normal sporting programmes get 13 or 14 [million]. If each viewing point represents Aus\$1million. imagine the value to the TV company - and the sponsor is delirious because he is getting what he wants, more people

looking at his product."

It is impossible for a fish to survive in an environment without water. Yet, this week, a great white shark is at bay



Norman is a promoter's dream, as a Harley-Davidson dealer in Singapore discovered earlier this week

Woosnam's revival under examination

FROM JOHN HOPKINS. GOLF CORRESPONDENT

THE circus rolls on. Last eek, it was Asia; this week, Australia. The PGA European C Tour has flown on from Singapore and alighted in Perth. the venue for the second event of the 1996 series. The humidity of Asia has been replaced by the dryness of Western Australia, the bustle of Singapore's Clark Quay by the sedateness of Perth. Singapore

Slings by Emu beer. At the Tanah Merah club last Sunday, lan Woosnam threaded a five-iron through a gap in shrubs and palms that seemed to be little wider than his own shoulders. He hit the ball with draw so that it bent to the left, moving as much as 15 yards off centre, and then holed the subsequent 25-foot putt to win the tournament. There is a smile on Woosnam's face and a spring in his step these days, even though it is alleged that Maruman, the club manufacturer, recently declined to renew his contract, a decision that coincided with him dropping out of the world's leading 50 players for the first time. Woosnam said he is hitting the ball better and further than he has for months and that makes him a legitimate

contender to win the Heineken

Classic at The Vines on Sun-

Woosnam is a player who is rarely at one with his putter. The memory remains of him fiddling with one putter after another during the German Open last August, when he needed a high finish to have a chance of a place in the Ryder Cup team. At one time, he was so uncertain on the greens he resorted to using a broom-handle putter. All those doubts had gone by last week. "I'm not going back to that putter." Woosnam said. "I'd give up if I had to return to

The greens at The Vines will test his resurgent confidence. They are enormous, approaching the dimensions of those at St Andrews. "The difference between front and back can be four clubs," Jonathan Lomas, the young English professional, said.

Meanwhile, in the United States, Nick Faldo will also be hooing to capitalise on a good start to the new year. He plays the Pebble Beach national proam tournament, which is contested on three courses situated on the Monterey peninsular, boosted by his secondplace finish in the Mercedes Championship last month.





Williams lines up a pot on his way to a surprise 5-3 victory over Ebdon in the Regal Welsh Open at Newport yesterday. Photograph: Gareth Everett

Ebdon joins the mighty fallen

BY PHILL VATES

rors. He could not, however,

THE epidemic of shock results that has swept through the Regal Weish Open continued in Newport yesterday when Peter Ebdon joined a long line of established players on the receiving end of a

xise deteat Ebdon, one of only three members of spooker's top ten to survive the tournament's pre-televised phase, was beaten 5-3 by Mark Williams, the world No 39 from Ebbw Vale, despite performing to a high standard.

In fact, Ebdon, who replaced Stephen Hendry as the bookmakers' favourite after the world champion's 5-3 defeat against Dave Harold on Tuesday evening,

prevent a string of long-distance pots from Williams. "I'm bitterly disappointed because I know I'm playing well." Ebdon said, after following Steve Davis, John is. Ronnie (l'Sullivar and Jimmy White out of the competition. The frustrating thing is that I'm going to play a whole lot worse than that and win matches. I made the

most of my opportunities, it was just that Mark played out of his skin and kept notting unbelievable balls." Ebdon compiled the three highest breaks of the contest

- 73. 74 and 108 - to 3-2 lead, but Williams repeatpot one risky ball after another. Good fortune also played a part in the eighth frame, when Williams, 25-7 adrift. fluked a red to a banlk pocket to initiate a run of 35. When Ebdon then botched moted return to the bottom cushion, Williams pressed home his advantage. On his first appearance in

the semi-final of a worldranking event tomorrow, Williams, 20, will face his compatriot, Darren Morgan, or Dave Harold. In today's other quarter-final, Paul Husser, 17, from Leeds, who has dropped only nine frames in ten matches during the tournament, meets Drew

training programme on April

Henry, the Scot responsible edly defied the percentages to

Rowell expects more from senior servants

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

about the expansive game they intend to play against Eng-land in the five nations' championship at Twickenham on Saturday. Yesterday, En-gland's management subscribed to the same theme, while Jean-Claude Skrela predicted a far more dynamic game from France against the

Scots in Edinburgh.

I aspire to England playing
a wider game than the factical game we played in Paris."
Jack Rowell, the England
manager, said, "but I would
like to think that the channels we choose to go up will be implemented on the field and will enable each of the England players to get into the

game.

So many optimistic hopes, so few achieved — Scotland aside — in the first round of the championship. It is Rowell's contention that Eng-land, having strugged off the malaise induced by individual errors against South Africa and Western Samoa before. Christmas, must play in the way they have trained and that, if they do not, the fault will lie with the experienced heads on the field.

Rowell expects all his senior players to contribute to that ocess, not only the captain, Will Carling, and the pack leader, Ben Clarke. Those players include Tim Rodber, estored to the back row after injury but off the field twice for reatment during training at

Richmond yesterday.

The England manager regards the Wales selection as refreshing", but dismissed the teasing suggestion from Kevin Bowring, the Wales-coach, that Saturday might be the day for England to unleash their expansive style. He is new to international rugby. He can look after the Welsh team and leave England to others," Rowell said. We need to build the England game through the Eng-lish [club] game, but each club plays in a different way. We work persistently on doing the

WALES have already talked basics, but it's difficult to inculcate that in the few hours I see the squad if, within a week or a fortnight, they have

gone again." Rowell admitted to frustration at the tactics adopted late in the game with France, which England lost 15-12. "We didn't channel our efforts and it's not going to be easy against Wales," he said. "They have experience, a good scrum and ball-winning capability at the lineour. The game will be the same of the same hinge around how well both sets of half backs perform. And, of course, against Wales, it's more than rugby - it's

history."
France also hope to play a more open style at Murray-field. "Our priority will always be to win, but if possible by playing the ball, "Skrela, the France coach, said. "However. it takes two to play. Against England, we were frustrated because they came to Paris to stop us from playing. Hopefully, it won't be the same against

"I watched Scotland play Ireland and I noticed British teams play the game when they meet one another. They do not when they play France, but I'm confident we'll, see running rugby against Scot-land. They're a dynamic, mobile team - they move the ball around."



Rowell: hopes England can play wider game

Blyth's spirit lifts fumbling England

New South Wales

By PETER BULS

ENGLISH rugby's enduring failure to capitalise on scoring opportunities, an Achilles' heel problem of long-standing concern, almost cost England A the prized scalp of New South Wales, the Australian state side, at Welford Road, Leicester yesterday. In freezing conditions hard-

conducive to open rugby, England needed a try in the second minute of added time to send the Australians to their first defeat on their United Kingdom mur.

The temperature never rose above freezing, but the amount of possession secured by the England forwards from most phases of play and the openings the backs created were encouraging.
Alas, as so often at all levels,

it was in finishing that England failed, even if their attacking intent was com-mendable. Scoring opportunities were sourned, often through poor passing or careless play, so that when the tour team snatched the lead with four minutes of normal time remaining England seemed likely to pay a heavy

price for their mistakes. They were rescued by a surge in which Healey's tapped free kick was critical. King, cool and impressive in much of his work, floated a long pass and Blyth cut a smart angle to the line for the try. King, who had taken over from Stimpson as the team's goal-kicker, the latter missing three of five penalty attempts.

calmly put over the vita England A's third win of

Prance A and West Samoa. owed much to the competitive nature of their forwards, of whom Diorose again excelled Corry, too, often shone, while Fowler and Archer gave the big Australian lineout

jumpers plenty to ponder. many mistakes. Healey broke clear to set up what would have been a certain try had King stayed outside him rather ` than moved inside: Adebayo dropped Blyth's pass in a promising position; Greenwood knocked on with the line looming: Greenwood then threw a forward pass a few yards short - and so it went on. The visitors, with 11 internationals on display, thus remained in touch, helped further by Burke's kicking and fine all-round play.

Greenwood scored the opening try nine minutes after half-time after a series of forward drives. England led 17-9, but Burke's last two penalty goals and a try by Manu levelled the scores. Burke's conversion seemed to have made it safe at 22-17, but England's last attack was EDOUGH.

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Britain gain live exposure

By Sydney Friskin

hockey team will have a live television audience for their match against Germany, the Olympic champions, at Milton Keynes in May. Sunday Grandstand will broadcast the match, which will form an important part of both teams' preparations for the Olympic Games tournament in Atlanta later in the summer.

The full international programmes for Great Britain and England were announced yesterday by the Hockey Association and the All England Women's Hockey Association. The new stadium at Milton Kevnes will be opened officially on March 24, when the England men's team will play

THE Great Britain men's India and the women's side will face France. Calum Giles, who scored eight goals for Great Britain in

the Olympic qualifying tour-nament at Barcelona last week, where Britain finished third and made sure of their place in Atlanta, is to go into hospital on Tuesday for a hernia operation. He will play this weekend for his club side. Havant, who are engaged in a Hockey Association Cup fifthround match at home to Edgbaston on Saturday and meet Indian Gymkhana in the National League on Sunday. He will probably be out for the rest of the season, but expects to be fit by the time Great Britain resume their

9. "It is a great blow to us," Bill Jones, the Havant manager, said yesterday. "After what he did in Barcelona, the crowds would have flocked in." The repercussions of the goalless draw between India and Malaysia that marred the

Olympic qualifying tourna-ment on Sunday continued yesterday with an assurance from the international Hockey Federation that Canada's protest would be examined. The Canadians, denied a place in Atlanta by Malaysia as a result of the stalemate, complained that their fate had been sealed in a game shorn of competitiveness because India had already qualified. SNOW REPORTS

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THERE was something sanctimonious yesterday about the voices raised in opposition to all-year rugby. Little concern had been expressed about players' welfare when rugby league clubs agreed to the transition to a summer game that would mean 14 months of continual action, now nearing its midway point, yet confirmation by Denis Greenwood, the Leeds chairman, that the Headingley club would not only share its home but also its players with Leeds rugby union club from September was yesterday greeted with

Hugh McGahan, the Leeds football manager, said: "All Diavers need a time to rest and get over niggling injuries. If players played league in summer and union in winter, they would have no time to recuperate and build up for the foll, wing season. That would most certainly affect their

By Christopher Irvine

Player-share plan opposed

McGahan said that Leeds were desperate to challenge Wigan in the forthcoming Super League, but they would hardly be able to do so if players were in action all year round, it is for the same reason that Wigan have shunned the notion of sharing players with Orrell, should their union neighbours move in at Central Park.

Maurice Lindsay, the Rugby Football League chief executive, emphasised the welfare of players was paramount and that could not be helped by playing non-stop. He quoted the concern of the British Medical Association, yet nothing was publicly heard of any misgivings from that organisation at the start of the rugby league marathon last August. Castleford had their players'

physical health at heart when they joined Wigan, Bradford Halifax in opting for Sunday evening kick-offs in the summer. So

far, Leeds are alone in sticking to the traditional 3pm start. A trawl for Irish lineage has produced the addition of Mark Forster, the Warrington and former Great Britain wing, to the treland squad for the World Nines in Fiji on February 23, James Lowes, the Leeds hooker, and Bernard Dwyer, the Bradford forward, also qualify by virtue of the

grandparent rule and might yet join the party. Terry Flanagan, the Ireland coach, said: Lowes and Dwyer are in the reckoning because we still have two places to fill." Highfield, the game's peren-

nial strugglers in the second division, have appointed the much-travelled Jim Prellin. formerly at Blackpool. Halifax. Swinton (twice), Mansfield. Rochdale Hornets and Leigh, as manager and Alex Melling, the former Swinton and Rochdale hooker, as play-

Making the running against age-old advice

defiant, it may appear even more improbable if you are 70 years old, 40lb overweight, a lifelong smoker and under warning from your doctors that anything as strenuous as mowing the lawn could kill you instantly. But Noel Johnson given months to live because of a heart condition in 1970 - ignored the medical orders and took to exercise.

having run, walked and weight-lifted his 'No man can way to fitness, he was the oldest finishtake away my er, at the age of 80, in the New York Marayears, so I don't thon. He has set agecount them' group records at the mile and the halfmile and run more

than 20 marathons, setting world age records for 84-year-olds (5hr 42min 19sec) and 88-year-olds (7hr 40min He became a legend, featuring as the oldest runner in marathons and a

fitness guru famed for his views on nutrition and training. Way past his eightieth birthday, he would run nine miles every other day and work out on a stationary bike. On the days that he rested from running, he did weight training. Last week, the medical doom-mongers at last caught up with him — he died in San Diego. But he was 96.

There was a time when the world of sport belonged firmly to the young, but, increasingly these days, the oldies are at it. Much of the impetus comes from the United States. Johnson was very much an American hero and the oldest competitor in the London Marathon last year, Mavis Lindgren, who ran on her 88th birthday, came, too, from California.

> lieves in equal oppor-tunities for all, it seems that millions of Americans believe that they were born liberty and the pursuit of a place in the New York Mara-

But the veterans don't stop at the marathon. Two years ago in Boston, at the age of 4l. Eamonn Coghlan became the first human over 40 to run a mile in less than four minutes. Boxers such as George Foreman, Larry Holmes and even Joe Bugner have shown that age is no bar to making big money in sport — even if you are in your mid-forties. Closer to home, the former Olympic javelin champion, Tessa Sanderson, is planning a comeback for the Atlanta



Britain's best woman shot-putter, is back in the national team at 37 and, of course. Linford Christie is sprinting as well as ever and says his age (he will be 36 in April) is irrelevant.

Often ageing sportsmen have been considered remarkable not as ath-letes, but as curiosities. There has always been the occasional venerable performer: the evergreen Stanley Matthews still waitzing down the wing at 50: Ken Rosewall reaching the Wimbledon men's final as an antique of 40: Willie Carson winning the Derby at 52: Jean Borotra playing Wimbledon at the age of 66; and W.G. Grace captaining England at 50. Yet there are so many these days that we are getting used to it.

Sports medicine experts have traditionally taken a decidedly cool view of

the ageing athlete. A sprinter, they Johnson did best was to give us a tell us, reaches his physical peak at glimpse of our own possibilities. Just about 25; a tennis player a year or so about 28; in cricket and golf at or just after 30. But increasingly affiletes are discovering ways to get the most out of themselves. Watch the Flora London Marathon this year and you will see vast numbers of runners in their fifties, sixties and seventies.

Distance runners, like these, are a group who can face middle age withequanimity. The

Ethiopian, Miruts Yifter, won the 5.000 and 10,000 metres at the Moscow Olympics, when some say his age was 36 and others 40 or more. Yifter "the Shifter" was balding, tiny at 5ft 3in, his ageing

forehead corrugated with wrinkles. He could hardly have been what the Baron de Coubertin, had in mind when he called on the youth of the world to gather every four years. The story goes that he would shrug his shoulders when asked his age and reply: "You can take away my chicken or my sheep - so I count them. But no man can take away my years - so I don't count the years." What sportsmen like Yifter or

as a world record reassures us that the trajectory of human evolution is still moving forward, so the 75-yearold skipping through a marathon tells us that we can still raise a run. Two weeks ago, I wrote how the

founder of winter sports, Arnold Lunn, was still skiing down Mont Blanc in his seventies. His grandson tells me it is in the genes. Last month, Arnold's son, Peter, 81, competed (as

the Inferno race in

Mürren - at 15 kilometres the long-est-downhill skiing Boxers such as Foreman have race in the world. shown that age Peter Lunn was capis no bar' Olympic team in the

Winter Games of 1936 and his dream is to be back competing in the Inferno race next year at the age of 82. Johnson had one dream that he did not fulfil — that was to run a marathon at the age of 100. In New York, there is a million-dollar prize for anyone who can pull that one off if you want to start training for it you might get excited by Johnson's best-selling book. Its title? A Dud at 70, a

JOHN BRYANT

Survival at a high cost

Cause celebre. Radio 4, 9.30m.

Jenni Mills's force as interviewer is cautiously to coax out of people the full details of experiences that have left them trainmanised. With good reason, therefore, she must choose her words carefully the near question could be the one that brings down the shuners. Her skill is heard to good effect this morning. Pam Caswell, her husband Stephen and Simon, their 16-year-old son, plunged into a crevasse white climbing a glacier near Mont Blanc. Stephen died from his injuries. For 36 hours, living and dead were entombed in a Rolfi-deep cavern. Mother and son tell their story dispassionately, their grief held in check. Mills establishes that, although mother and son survived, the price that they had to pay was a heavy one.

Kids for Sale Radio 5 Live, 10.35pm.

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David Proser's investigation into Thailand's flourishing child sex industry is shocking. Given the nature of this trade in flesh, how could it be otherwise? It is well-timed. MPs will today debate proposed new laws to curb the activities of British tour operators who organise trips to Thailand for those willing to buy set with children, some as young as eight Kids for Sale does not believe that fliese measures, even if approved, will get to the core of the problem. What is needed, it says, is legislation under which British nationals who have sex with minors in Thailand can be extradited back to Great Verticals of fore rest.

England arrangements changed

Security fears cast heavy shadows over World Cup

THE decision to stage cricket's World Cup across the broad and unstable canvas of the sub-continent was last night looking increasingly ill-fated as the rising death toll from a bomb blast in Colombo combined with heightened polit-Ical tension between Pakistan and India, a long-running dispute over television rights and a catalogue of eccentric organisation to leave an impression of a sporting event out of control before it has

Such political turbulence as caused yesterday's incident in the Sri Lankan capital, last week's rocket attack in Kashmir or the recent explosion in a shopping centre in the Pakistani city of Peshawar, where England must play two games, are self-evidently beyand the control of Pilcom, the organising committee. Yet secunity for the 12 participating teams and their entourages is most certainly their concern and such reassurances as are forthcoming sound increasingly hollow.

The sixth and most expansive tournament to decide the world champions of limitedovers cricket is due to have its opening ceremony in ten days. obviously a volatile environ-

says the run-up to the game's

showpiece event is a bumpy one

The England party leaves London for Lahore on Saturday and the team will play the first of the 37 scheduled matches, against New Zealand in the Indian city of Ahmedabad, on February 14. There is little doubt that this embattled event will go ahead, for it would involve massive financial losses, quite apart from a severe loss of political face, if it did not. Its smooth running, however, cannot be

confidently predicted. David Richards, the chief executive of the International Cricket Council (ICC) but little more than a bystander when it comes to World Cup arrangements, is flying to Calcutta next week and will have an early meeting with the organising committee.

We will have a chat about security arrangements." he said yesterday. "Pilcom is driving the event and they have a pragmatic view of life in that part of the world. It is

things are happening, but I believe the committee is giving it as much professional attention as is needed. No one can give anyone absolute

England accept this and have taken no particular security measures. Richard Little, spokesman for the Test and County Cricket Board, explained yesterday: The For-eign Office will advise us of any situation that affects us. It a day-by-day situation." Whether Australia, the favourites, will view the latest alarming developments so philosophically is open to

Some Australian players, including Shane Warne, are aiready uncomfortable after the receipt of death threats from fanatics outraged by their allegations of bribery against the former Pakistan captain, Salim Malik. They agreed to make the trip only after lengthy consideration, but, by harsh irony, they are

due to play their first match, on February 17, in Colombo. Further criticisms centre on the format and on the tortivous logistical and administrative planning. Richards yesterday sought to defuse the former complaint, which ridicules an itinerary taking three weeks to slim down 12 teams to eight.

"Not only do the group placings matter in that the winners of one group then play the fourth team in another, and so forth, but if knockout matches are rained off, the higher-rated team will automatically so through," he

Richards could not offer any explanations for the lack of communication and foresight. England, having been told to switch their week of acclimatisation from Delhi to Lahore - and their flights from British Airways to PIA - have now rebelled against a further instruction that would have committed the party to a 25hour outbound trip. Confirmation of arrangements was so long delayed that the players' itineraries were still being typed at Lord's yesterday. You could say the organisers are giving the finishing tape a charge." Richards said, drily. Television coverage in India

remains unresolved ("just an internal skirmish," according to Richards) and the decision to stage a semi-final in Chandigargh, which has no scheduled flights and no international hotel is so baffling that virtually no British tour operators report any demand

to run supporters' trips. Richards, very reasonably, points out that similar fears abounded in 1987, when the sub-continent last staged the World Cup, "The cricket had a binding effect and the tournament ran smoothly." So it did, but political agitation in key centres was nowhere near its present level and, as the teams prepare to convene in Calcutta, security will be the word on

Colombo blast, page 15



A sterling silver trophy, originally crafted in 1882, is the handsome prize for the winners of the World Cup final in Lahore on March 17. The trophy (with craftsman, Bill Warner, above) features the figure of a batsman above two wickets with crossed bats and was discovered by Indian cricket officials last year when they were visiting jewellers in London in search of a suitable prize. Manufactured by Woodward and Co. and subsequently in the possession of Garrard, the Crown jewellers, the trophy is

28in high and has been refurbished at a south London workshop. Now fitted with a base featuring the badges of the competing nations, it was flown to Calcutta this week for the tournament, which starts on February 14. "It's got history and class, just what we needed to give the world champi-ons." Jagmohan Dahniya, the convenor of the joint India-Pakistan-Sri Lanka organising committee for the tournament, said. "It's suprising nobody thought of it before: this trophy was made especially for cricket."

Zimbabwe sunk by **Fleming**

AN INNINGS of 70 from Stephen Fleming, the New Zealand left-hander, guided his team to a six-wicket victory over Zimbabwe in the second one-day cricket international in Wellington yesterday.

After the 74-run victory in

Auckland on Sunday, New Zealand have an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series. The final match is in Napier on Saturday.

Zimbabwe opted to bat first, but some superb bowling and fielding saw them restricted to 181 for nine in their 50 overs Gavin Larsen returned figures of one for 14 from ten overs. making him the sixth-most economical New Zealand bowler in a one-day international. Dion Nash took a career-best three for 30. New Zealand cruised to

victory with ten overs to spare. Fleming's seventh one-day half-century took 78 balls.

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Answers from page 39

WILLY LOMAN (c) Central character of Arthur Miller's play Death of a Sulesman (1949). The hard-driving materialistic life of a travelling salesman drives him to despair and suicide. EDWARD ROCHESTER

(b) The moody, sammine master of Thornfield Hall in Charlotte Bronte's novel Jane Eyre (1847). His servant, young Jane Eyre, falls in love with him despite his strange ways. FATHER BROWN

(c) The brilliant priest-cum-detective invented by G.K. Chesterton for a series of short stories. The good father is apparently the meekest and most unassuming of men, but he has an uncanny comprehension of the criminal mind. CATHERINE SLOPER

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nviews of the Parn Gerns's play Stanley, based on the life of Stanley, based on the life of Stanley Domose 11.30-12.30am Ufater Orchestra under Lional Friend, with Gerard McChrystal, sevophone. Stephen Gardner (Warting, Not Warting); Michael Nyman (Where the Bee Dances); Stravinsky (Scènes de ballet) (Scenes de ballet) 1.00-2.00 Night School, Together Stories 1.30 Music for Dance

only) 6.00 News Briefing, incl. waiting 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30

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Morgan (r) 3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Bretan 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleid reviews Simon Callow's version of Les Enlants du Paradis

4.45 Short Story: Meteor by Stephen Amidon, Read by Stephen Moore (r) 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping

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8.00 Analysis: Power to the Judges, in the first of a new series, Ngaire Woods looks at the struggle between British and European Judges and the

Government B.45 Assithete's Foot. The Scottish humorisi John McKay reminisces about his adolescence (4/6)
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? with
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Down South, they know how to spoil a child

Southern Charm Pageant.
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Placing their child in a meat was nine months old after which. her father said, "we really got perception that to be some kind of addicted". By "we" he presumably cara, lipstick, rouge and an outlit which has cost \$1,000 to make. For now she is rehearsing her song in the kitchen at home, thrusting out her left hip during the second of these lines from the old Brenda Lee hit, Sweet Nuthins:

'Simin' in peace tryin' to read my book, My baby gives me that special look.*

In certain circumstances the scene would be of passing interest and perhaps risible. In the circumstances we consider today a more serious reaction is required, for Asia is five years old. So is her main rival, Brooke, another

Their parents, and especially their mothers, are no doubt good Southern folk. At no point in Under the Sun: Painted Babies (BBC2) last night did either mother show so much as a qualm about

child-woman, judged entirely on superficial appearance, is a good

thing.
This was quite the most shocking television programme I have seen in some time. It was all the better, if the word can apply, for being transmitted with a flat narration which contained no comment. Parents on the beauty pageant circuit, a peculiarly Southern white phenomenon, were left condemned by their actions.

The prizes are big: cars, holidays, thousands of dollars in cash. Contestants as young as three months are crossed at by the pageant host. The Southern Charm Pageant, biggest in the South, lasts for three days and includes sections on beauty, personality and singing.

Asia, from Baton Rouge, Louisi-

ana, won her first contest when she

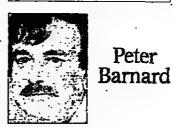
means himself and his wife, for the prospect of a nine-month-old child becoming addicted to beauty contests is not a likely one.

Asia soon got the idea, as she announced to the camera from her front porch: "I like to go where the cars are 'cos my grandma really wants a car and we want money, money, money." Asia's parents, of course, aiready have a car, a sort of mobile rehearsal room: "it's a lot of fun," her mother said. "We stay in the car most of the day."

rooke, too, is a sophisticate B when it comes to car travel: her mother make a 400-mile round trip to Nashville to visit Brooke's voice coach, who says she has come on a treat. Her pitch is near

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condition her sense of proportion is in. Her teeth, though, are also perfect. For contests, a plate is in-serted where milk teeth have left a gap by inconsiderately falling out but even this is not much use when second teeth start to push through. Her mother sighed: "Mother Nature has kicked in, there's nothing

we can do about it." At the end of the pageant, which One can only guess as to what Brooke won, with Asia third, the

the latter's was bitter and resentful of the judges. Brooke's mother said: "I was pleased. I thought she looked like a Barbie doll."

This announcement, made with pride and not a trace of irony, was capped by Asia's mother: "I don't think it's right what they do to innocent children." She said it but I don't think "they" are the problem The kind of society that produces

child beauty contests would make an interesting study for Francis Fukuyama, whose The End of History was at once a bestseller and the centre of intense critical debate. Most of his detractors took the title too literally, for by "the end of history" Fukuyama meant that the collapse of the Eastern bloc had ended the battle between capitalism and communism in favour of the former. But try expressing that in a title aimed at the bestseller

Andrew Marr in The Big Idea (BBC2), an interesting but at times listless conversation mainly focused on Trust, Fukuyama's new book analysing what he calls "high trust" and "low trust" societies. By his definition, trust is the extent to which societies have strong institutions - government, church, social structures - which produce freedom within stability: thus he defines Germany as high trust and

That about Britain? "A hard country to categorise." Why? Because whereas Britain has the structures and the stability it has retained the class system, which tends to organise society in a horizontal way.

southern Italy as low trust.

if Hetty Wainthropp Investigates (BBCI) is to generate a second series it can only be on the popularity of Patricia Routledge. rather than any dramatic quality.

first in the series promised a pleasant if undernanding 50 minutes in the middle of the evening.

Since then, not much, Last night's penultimate episode about the search for a missing young man with a mental disorder never caught fire. I do not share the view that a 60-year-old woman suddenly turning detective lacks for credibility: on that basis Miss Marple would be a non-runner. But success calls, in some measure, for the expansion of characters and none in Wainthropp has

expanded by a millimetre. Too much hangs on Routledge and too much of her part hangs on quirky aphorisms and the kind of ooh-eck northernness whose shelflife expired years ago. One of the mysteries of television is the patchiness of BBC evening drama: Monday's Our Friends in the North and Wednesday's Wainthropp are from different planets.

BBC1 6.00am Business Breakfast (13710) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (91055994) 9.10 Kilroy Topical discussion (a) (9726536)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3404642) 10.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (5787401)

10.30 Good Morning including at 11.00 News (Ceelax) (10997) 12.00 News (Ceefex) and weather (88485979) 12.05pm Pebble MIII (a) (7131820) 12.50 Regional News (1458420)

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3.05 Timekeepers (9916333) 3.30 Yogi Bear (1) (3618062) 3.35 The Morph Files (1696159) 3.45 Dinobables (s) (7160333) 4.10 Highlander (Ceetax) (6175623) 4.35 The Really Wild Show (Ceetax) (626820) 5.00 Newsround (Ceetax) (2140523) 5.10 Grange Hill (Ceetax) (s) (1087762)

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a dramatic decision(Ceefax) (s) (2) ... 8.00 The Vet. A Freeh Start. Mystery surpounds - Diana Lambton's kennel manager as Chris and Jeoniter make a concerted effort to save her studwolfhound(Castar) (s) (720061)

8.50 Animal Hospital Heroes. Highlights from past visits to the Hermisworth-Hospital in London (Castery (s) (851,333).

8.00 Nine O'Clock Name (Cector), Regional News and weather (8842).

9.30 French and Sexindens, Cornecty sketches, film apools and songs from Down French, and Jerniter Seunders, includes a take off of Quentin Tarantino's Pulp Fiction (Cested) (s) (20791)

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10.50 Question Time. On the panel tonight are MPs Chris Smith, Alan Duncan and Emma Nicholson and Ruth Les, head of policy unit at the Institute of Directora. (Cestax) (783623)

11.50 Hunger for Feith; Rana Kabbeni presents the second of a four-part series lo mark Ramadan (s) (524791)

12.10 FILM: A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square (1979) starring David Niven, Richard Jordan and Gloris Grahame. Cornedy thriller about a London gangater persuading former convict Pinky Green to take part in a daring bank robbery. Directed by Relph Thomas (839395)

2.00-2.05em Weather (7193734)

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7.15 Lassie (r) (3371028) 7.40 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (9634772) 8.05 Blue Peter (r) (Ceetax) (s) (1389933) 8.35 The Record (s) (9993884)

9.00 For the Love of It All. A profile of Hugh Lupton; a storyteller (r) (4792197)
9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes Plus, for children, 10.00-10.25 Playdays (5786772)

2.00 Tales of the Tooth Felries (r) (8526791) 2.05 Puppydog Tales (r) (8525062)

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the Calibbean preparing distinctive disher of the different Islands (918333) 6.00 Star Treic Deep Space Nine. Science-fiction advantures. (Ceetax) (a) (652913) 8.45 They Who Dare. An attempt on the world paragliding distance record (a)

7.00 Waiting for God (r). (Ceefex) (s) (3062) 7.30 First Sight: London Needs You. Londoners say what they would do if they were in charge (4). NORTHERN IRELAND: 7.30 Now You're Talking 7.56 Our Roving Reporter; WALES: 7.30 Ded's Army, EAST: 7.30 Matter of Fact. HIDLANDS: 7.80 Michards Report NORTH, NORTH EAST, NORTH WEST: 7.30 Close Up North; SOUTH: 7.30 Southern Eye; SOUTH WEST; WEST: 7.30 Close Up



Rise and fall of Terry Meher (8.00pm)

My Brilliant Cureer: Terry Mather — A Tale of the Unexpected (Costan) (a) (2710) 8.30 Jeremy Clarkson's Motorworld Jeremy Clarkson visits Texas. (Ceetax)

9,00 Traces of Guilt: White Collar, White Coat. How forensic science is used in the fight against crime. (Ceefax) (s) (929371) 9.50 Potted Histories. The Swiss Chaese

10.00 Game On (r). (Ceetax) (s) (12284) 10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (568265) 11.15 Late Review introduced by Mark Lawson (432536) 11.55 Weather (348468) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (s) (90734)

Plant. (Ceefax) (a) (545081)

12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE My Brilliant Career: Terry Maher — A Tale of the Unexpected BBC2, 8.00pm ...

A former pupil of Terry Maher's school in working class Manchester reckons one quarter of the boys have achieved something, half are unemployed and the rest in prison. Maher was definitely an achiever. He was the rough-edged accountant who came south to London, took on the book trade and shook it to the roots. He bought Dillons from London University and turned It into Britain's most profitable bookshop. From this base he set out to smash the Net Book Agreement, which had prevented price competition. What did for Maher was not an irrate book trade but the recession. He went irate book trade but the recession. He went on expanding, the debts piled up and the banks closed in. Maher reflects on his rise and fall with measured detachment and you

Channel 4, 9.00pm

Debi Mills from Nottingham works in bridal wear but not she hopes, for much bridal wear but not, she hopes, for much longer, Hair in curlers, and carrying a mop, she auditions for the Haven holiday camp chain. Her number is the appropriately-nited hit from Queen, I Want to Break Free. If her potential employers like her act, and can overlook her smutty additions to Queen's lyrics, the job of Havenmate could be hers for the holiday season. This is the first of a stronger excursion into His De-Hill. first of a six-part excursion into Hi-De-Hi! country, updated from the 1950s to the 1990s. On the early evidence little has changed. But it is difficult to remember a scene in the David Croft-Jimmy Perry sit-com comparable to the one in which the new Havenmates are warned about sexual liaisons. "Four pregnancies last year," observes the entertainments officer. "so someone's not listening, are they?"

Annie's Bar Channel 4, 9.30pm

Since, for the sake of topicality, this political scape opera; is being recorded close to transmission its quality can only be guessed transmission is quality can only be guessed at an advance. The concept looks promising, to eavesdrop on the off-duty lives of backbench MPs as they congregate at a favourite drinking spot. Although this is a, you can expect echoes o MPs do, and sleaze is not excluded. The well-known faces in the cast, including Jonathan are distributed equally among the main parties, but if political balance is maintained. reverence towards the elected is not. The opening plot has a Conservative (Dominic Taylor) winning a by-election, something that rarely happens in real life these days, and learning the political facts of life from

Inside Story: On My Feet Again

BBC1, 10.00pm Julie Hill made the news recently as the first recipient of an electronic implant designed to give her mobility again after she broke her spine in a road accident. The cameras follow Hill, a 34-year-old mother of two, as she prepares to be a guinea pig in a pioneering operation. If it works she could be standing up and even taking steps. But Hill's own cheerfulness, and an extraordinarily jocular medical team, cannot disguise the gravity of the experiment. There is tension all round when, after months of frustratingly slow progress, the implant is switched on for the first time. To the medical story is added the human one. The strain on the family is clear. Hill and her husband are relieved that the ordeal has strengthened their marriage when it could so easily have driven them Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (2726536) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (3407333) 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (5703449)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (1954468) 10.35 This Morning (9340913) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletaxi) (7143420) 12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (1041284)

12.55 Shortland Street (s) (6963420) 1.20 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (25-42371) 1.50 Home and Away (Teletext) (s) (9494420)

2.20 Chain Letters(Teletext) (s) (2382807) 2.50 Vanessa (Teletext) (a) (3996420) 3,20 News (2233739)

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5,10 A Country Practice (s) (8657178) 5.40 News and weather (Telelext) (910159) 6.00 Home and Away. Angel feels she is losing her son (t) (Teletext) (s) (483061)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (641994) 7.00 Emmerdale. Scott is on the run and Chris finally oversteps the mark with Rachel (Teletext) (s) (7888) 7.30 Survival: Under the Moon. Observing the responses of four marine animals to

8.00 The Bill: Sounds of Decency. Slater and Garfield struggle to keep the peace when love rivals light. (Teletext) (6536)



Paramedics at the ready (8.30pm)

8.30 Blues and Twos: East-Am 123. The Ardoyne ambulance crew try to save a pensioner who has collapsed during the Orange Day Parade in Belfast (Teletext)

9.00 Thief Takers: Company of Strangers With the aid of an informant, Oxford closes in on a gang of armed robbers, but it is fate who finds himself in more danger (Teletext) (9081) 10.00 News at Ten and weather (Teletext)

10.30 Regional News (Telelext) (776807)

10.40 Fil.M: Prophet of Evil (1993) starring Brian Dennehy The based-on-fact story about a religious fanatic who believes he is a prophet with a warrant from God to kil anyone who gets in the way of his campaign for power and wealth Directed

12.30 Not Fade Away (s) (21376) 1.30 Shift (10531) 2.30 The Crime Hour (r) (17918)

3.30 Jethro Tull: This is the First 20 Years (r) (12463)

4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (25005) 5.00 The New Mr & Mrs Show (r) (66668) 5.30 Morning News (95289)

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5.00 Ricki Lake(Teletext) (a) (8679555) 5.45 Terrytoons (284246) 6.00 Home Improvement. Comedy starring Tim Allen as the host of a television do-ityourself show. (Teletext) (s) (88)

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8.00 The Pulse. Medical magazine. (Teletext) 8.30 A Taste of the Cambbean. The abulliant

Dorinda Hatner is on Dominica. (Teletext) (6913)



Topical political drama (9.30pm)

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10.00 NYPD Blue. New York police drama series (Teletext) (a) (599975) 10.55 Whose Line is it Anyway? Improvised cornedy presided over by Clive Anderson. With Jose Lawrence, Mike McShane, Greg Proops and Ryan Stiles (r). (Teletext) (s) (362178)

11.30 Devil's Advocate. Darcus Howe returns with a seven-week series in which guests explain their viewpoint and lace questions from the studio audience. This week: a look at the role of teenage magazines. Do they encourage underage sax? (s) (338913) 12.15am Dispatches (r) (Telelext) (4803444) 1.00 Rebellion of the Hanged. The tinal episode of the Mexican drama. English

subtitles (r) (7142573) 2.25 FILM: Decline and Fall...of a Birdwatcher (1968) starting Robin Phillips, Donald Wolfit and Genevieve Evelyn Waugh, directed by John Krish (934956) Ends at 4.25

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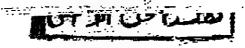
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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1 1996

IRFB tries to control transfers

Board insists on 180-day eligibility rule

THE International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) has frequently bemoaned its lack of teeth. Yesterday, it revealed an unexpected bite when it demanded that member unions adhere to a 180-day player eligibility regulation so that rugby union's change from amateurism to professionalism could be effectively managed.

However, board officials admitted they would have to wait and see whether their hopes of controlling rugby union's burgeoning transfer market would be successful. A proposal that is designed to prevent raids by the sport's haves on the have-nots will be difficult, if not impossible, to implement in the close-knit confines of the home unions.

As in so much of their egislation, the board has a built-in permissive clause: were a London club to sign a French player, for example, they could appeal to the Rugby Football Union (RFU) to agree with the French federation for a lesser eligibility period to apply. Since the RFU are already proposing a seven-day qualification for moves within the European Community, the 180-day clause would become

This seems to be a very restrictive move in a game that has taken the decision to go open." Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, said. "It would appear to involve restraint of trade and we are unclear

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whether it will operate in England. We will have to consider this in minute detail, but I can't see the first division

clubs wearing it." Yet rugby's rulers, having concluded their annual council meeting in London, seem confident that any challenge in the civil courts to their ruling on the grounds of restraint of trade could be resisted. Vernon Pugh, the chairman of the Welsh Rugby Union, who has been elected chairman of the

RULE CHANGES

country for 180 days before being eligible to play in competitive matches when moving from one union to another.

☐ All eight forwards must remain bound to the scrummage until it

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IRFB and is himself a barrister, said: "Rugby is too pre-cious to be thrown away to those moneyed interests which

can buy up the best players. You do need a regulation, otherwise a few clubs will have all the best players. At a time when the game is changing from amateur to professional, we need to ensure that everyone has a fair chance of

2 Prime Minister: direction

3 Exploding pineapple (7)

6 Stimulus; motive force (7)

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16 Cause great distress (to) (7) 17 Emotional warmth (6)

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4 Violent destruction (6)

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CROSSWORD move from Melrose to live No 693 in association with BRITISH MIDLAND

rules this season with regard to the 120-day regulation," Rob Andrew, Newcastle's director of rugby, said. "It was never envisaged that the 180-day rule would apply to home-union players. Initially, it was to apply to overseas players."

In Pugh's view, the conten-tious Jean-Marc Bosman case in football had only limited application to rugby. That is concerned with the ability of a player to move at all, not with the regulations under which he can do so." Pugh said. Sir John Hall, chairman of Newcastle United Sporting Club, may take a different view and fast night was seek-

regulation.
The board also gave its support for the concept of tours, which had been under threat but is now seen as fundamental to development.

After a century in England, the IRFB is to move its headquarters to Dublin so that it can become a more taxeffective body.

entering the new age with some or all of their best players in place." The main point of the regu-

lation is to prevent the yearround player moving from one hemisphere to the other, although player contracts are likely to prevent that anyway. It is also to stop such nations as New Zealand taking the best talent from the Pacific

This is a settling-down period for rugby and I have no doubt that the courts ... would say that rugby should control its own destiny and that this is the minimum regulation necessary," Pugh said, "Unions can agree between themselves for a different position to apply but people will be very careful before they do that.

"If the market is left unregu lated, it will be to the disadvantage of the game as a whole. We want to retain the integrity of the development programmes in each union. Maybe in six years' time, when contracts have been worked out in the way other professional sports have done, we can look again."

Under the ruling, Newcastle, who have registered Gary Armstrong and Doddie Weir from Scotland, would be unable to play them, save with the agreement of the respec-tive unions involved. How-ever, Freddie McLeod, who is retiring as one of Scotland's IRFB representatives, said it was unlikely that any difficulty would be placed in the path of Armstrong, whose home in Jedburgh is little more than 50 iles from Newcastie, and that Weir was intending to

We have played by the

ing legal advice of his own.
Two of the main experimen-

tal law changes approved yesterday involve forwards. First, the eight players form-ing a scrum must remain bound until the scrum is over, thus limiting the ability of back-row forwards to break off and form a second wave of midfield defence. Second, in the lineout, jumpers can use either hand or both to catch or deflect the ball, provided both are above his head. This does away with the outside-arm



Mark Bell, the New South Wales hooker, is held up by the England A pack during his side's 24-22 defeat at Welford Road. Report, page 41

Robson to be offered England post

By DAVID MADDOCK

BRYAN ROBSON is to be offered the chance to succeed Terry Venables as coach of the England football team. The Middlesbrough manager will be approached with a formal offer from the Football Association to assume the position that becomes vacant this

sion on Tuesday, the FA subcommittee empowered with the task of selecting the new coach settled upon Robson as the ideal man to continue the work Venables has started. Several candidates were discussed and a shortlist drawn up, but the decision to approuch Robson first is believed to have been unanimous.

Robson is already a parttime member of the England coaching staff and it was

route of least upheaval when Venables departs after the European championship in

The sub-committee is now expected to attempt to perstrade Robson to withdraw his earlier reservations and accept the job. He will be offered the position of coach, with a senior ioothall figure, such as Don

Robson is by no means: certain to comply, given com-ments he has made recently, indicating that he is not yet ready to turn his back on Middlesbrough. The meeting, however, lingered over the means by which Robson might be persuaded. The fiveman committee agreed that the situation was likely to alter radically once a formal ap-

approach will be an informal e, from Jimmy Armfield, the FA's adviser. Armfield will put it to Robson that he is the first choice. He will outline the many reasons the job should be taken and report back on the mood of the FA's

The five-man committee is

Tunisia defy odds

hoping that Robson's earlier comments were designed to appeare his club in the days when it was unsure on whom the FA would alight as a successor. Presented with the fact that he is the chosen man, the committee is confident Robson's position will be

chief executive, and Sir Bert Millichip, the chairman. It is hoped that significant progress can be made before the sub-committee is due to meet again by the middle of Pebruary. The mood of the committee was upbeat on its conclusion

If that proves to be the case,

the former England interna-tional will have formal talks

with Graham Kelly, the FA's

on Tuesday afternoon. The five good men believe that they have their man, despite the long process of negotiation still be be endured. It is likely, also, that Howe. at present a coach within the

England set-up, will be up-graded to offer support to Robson as he comes to terms with the new position. Howe is not the only possibility, though; Bobby Robson, the former England manager now

with PC Porto in Portugal, is be less responsive than the FA believes, it will return to the

sub-committee stage and reassess its list of candidates. which includes Glenn Hoddle, of Chelsea, and Gerry Francis, of Tottenham Hotsour. I Ireland's search for a nev

manager is nearing comple-tion. The Football Association of Ireland (FAI) is to hold a second round of interviews next week, with Mick McCa thy the strong favourite. Joe Kinnear and Mike Walker artalso expected to be invited back, but the growing support for McCarthy makes him almost certain to be confirmed as the replacement for Jack Chariton when the FAI countil meets tomorrow week, ten years to the day after Charlton's appointment.

Showdown for British pair

By Our Sports Staff

proach had been made.

TIM HENMAN and Mark Petchey, the British tennis players, will meet each other in the quarter-finals of the ATP Tour event in Shanghai after straight-sets victories in

the second round yesterday.

Herman, the 21-year-old
Oxford player, beat Jim
Grabb, of the United States. 6-2, 7-6, while Petchey, 25, from Essex, deleated Patrick Baur, of Germany, 64, 64. The last time they met, in the ATP Challenger event in Newcastle in July, Henman won 7-5, 6-2. Chris Wilkinson, the No 5

seed from Southampton, bowed out of the ATP chal-lenger event in Lippstadt, Germany, yesterday, beaten 6-l, 6-7, 6-2 in the second round by Radomir Vasek, of the Czech Republic. The International Tennis

Federation (ITF) said yester-day that it will "vigorously" defend itself against a High

SALLY GUNNELL, of Essex,

the Olympic 400 metres hur-dles champion, confirmed

vesterday that she will race in

Britain for the first time for nearly 18 months this week-

Gunnell will run the 400

metres against the European

Cup winner, Melanie Neef, at

the two-day AAA indoor championships being held in Birmingham — a stiff test of

her fitness and competitive-

ness at the start of the Olym-

Her last domestic appear-

ance was in the World Cup at

Crystal Palace in September

1994. She had to write off last

Court action by Mats Wilander, of Sweden, and Karel Novacek, of the Czech Republic, who are accusing the world governing body of a drug allegations smear. Lawyers for the two players



in London saying they have not been given a fair chance to defend themselves against suggestions that they tested positive for cocaine at the French Open last year. Both

players deny the allegations.
Andre Agassi will lose his
ATP world No1 ranking to Thomas Muster, of Austria. later this month. Agassi, of the United States, only regained the top ranking from Pete Sampras at the Australian Open last week, where he lost in the semi-final. it will be the first time that

Muster, who won 12 tournaments in 1995 including the French Open, will have held the No I spot, but he may be there for only one week. The Australian Open champion, Boris Becker, will be playing in Dubai, and Agassi and Sampras are playing in a tournament in San Jose. All have chances to overhaul Muster's points tally.

Gunnell plans to put fitness on trial

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

year - and her defence of the world title in Gothenburg because of a heel injury that later needed surgery. Ladbrokes responded to

news of Gunnell's reappearance by offering 3-1 against her winning the gold medal in the 400 metres hurdles in Allanta

Gunnell will also run at the Ricoh Tour international event in Birmingham on February 10, facing one of her great hurdle rivals, Sandra Farmer-Patrick, of the United States. At that meeting, Tony Jarrett will take on the American. Allen Johnson, who denied him the world sprint

hurdles title in Gothenburg last summer. The British Athletic Federation (BAF) yesterday came to the support of Linford Christic, who has been accused of feigning injury in last sum-mer's world championships. Tony Ward, the BAF spokes-

man, rejected the claim by

Donovan Bailey, of Canada,

that Christic was fit when he

started and finished the 100 metres final in Gothenburg. These comments are not credible." Ward said. "They reflect unfairly on Linford's efforts to defend the title and on our own medical team, which treated him."

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Free education for blacks campaign is threatening to close poor universities

Campuses braced for anti-fees riots in South Africa

THE violent scenes at the University of the Western Cape in the past few days have produced dramatic television footage reminiscent of the apartheid era, with angry black students confronting armed police.

Other universities are preparing themselves for similar confrontations, made virtually inevitable by the "open access" campaign being waged by the South African Students' Congress. The congress hopes to establish the principle that failure to pay university fees to exclude anyone from entering a university. The campaign is phrased this way because the group is happy for white students to pay fees: in effect it is demanding free. tertiary education for blacks.

The brunt of the campaign will be felt at the Historic Universities, which have the largest number of lack students and are also the porest. Black students have tended to live in the nonpayment culture which afflicts

failing to pay rent or rates. Many young blacks feel that education is their right and quote the African National Congress's Freedom Charter "And the doors of education shall be thrown open. The

result is that at many of the Historic Black Universities more than half the students are behind on their fees and. the institutions are running deeper into debt. Many of these universities are close to collapse and there are lears the present campaign could see many of them shut down for long periods.

The universities have an

nounced that they cannot register for 1996 those students, who have not paid their fees for 1995. This would mean the exclusion of a majority of those part-way through their cour-ses and this is where the Students Congress finds the dry tinder for the fire threatening to enguli campuses right.

round the country.

A gloomy academic at the
University of Zululand said yesterday: "We are on the

surveys show 65 per cent brink of war. The university is flat broke - indeed, it is heavily in debt. Many of the students have spent their bursaries and grants on nice. clothes or have sent the money back as remittances to poor relatives in the rural areas. The students won't pay and the university can't pay either. In effect, the students are demanding that the Government just write open cheques to the universities, and the

Government won't do that."

The Government and the ANC have made no comment on the students' campaign The old and middle aged ANC elite looks with considerable nervousness at the rising wave of youth agriation and has no stomach for a fight, even though it knows that it cannot satisfy their often Utopian demands. The Government seems keen to leave the problem with university administrators rather than get into an open confrontation, with its wn radical youth wing.

It is difficult, however, to see how this position can be maintained if, as seems likely,



Students clash with police at the University of the Western Cape yesterday after staging a sit-in in support of "open access

violent scenes spread across the country's campuses. The Government already spends proportionally much more on education than do most other countries and it has been cutting back on tertiary education expenditure to have more room for the burgeoning

Schools are also under enormous pressure, with huge crowds of black children clamcrowded classes. The Congress of South African Stuhas launched campaign for schools to be integrated and Potgietersrus, a largely Afrikaner town, white parents have physically barred the way to would-be black pupils.

Both student bodies are funded by the Congress of South African Trade Unions, all of whose top leaders are members of the South African

Communist Party. This has led some to wonder whether the Communists are trying to use the explosive situation in the schools and universities to pressurise the Government.

The party remains committed to a second-stage revolution, in which the democracy" achieved in 1994 would ultimately give way to full-blown socialism. However, the Communist Party's strategy is not clear and it too

riding a tiger, for the phenomenon is simply the enormous pressure of the ever-growing ranks of black youth, determined to use

well the educational system will cope with the new wave of

whatever means are to hand to demand their place in the sun. No one is able to control this large and unruly constituency. and it remains to be seen how

demands that it cannot

Peking troops woo colony with song

FROM JONATHAN MURSKY IN HONG KONG

SOLDIERS of the People's Liberation army, hand picked to man the Hong Kong garrison after 1997, are planning to

An album of 15 songs specially com-posed for the Red Army Pinst Regiment has been released. The unit is named after a force founded in 1927 by Mao Ts ting that was defeated by its Nationalist diversaries. The songs are sung in-Mandarin, which lew in Cantonese aking Heng Kong understand, an dd choice because the new soldiers are oilled as fluent in the local language.
One song, Beautiful Baukinia, resers.

are devoted to love for Hong Kong and motherland that the troops fear nothing. Hong Kong citizens, who remember

when young Maoists rioted in the streets in the 1960s, will recognise the picture on the album cover of soldiers, sailors, and singen striking heroic poses, with the colony's fundings behind their beneath the red flag. This is the latest weapon in the

propaganda campaign aimed at assuring Hong Kong that the 6,000 soldiers to be stationed from July next year are different from those who shot demonstrators in Tianaritien Square in 1989. On Monday the Communist press devoted

garrison, pointing out that its members are picked for height, good looks, excellent skills in English and Cantonese, driving on the correct side of the road. and for their non-interest in business.

One colonel, Zhou Borong, is said to have spent a year at the Royal College of Defence Studies and is seen to be "close"

Major General Liu Zhenwu, the commander; described himself as intensely patriotic "My great grandfather, Chen vihual was an officer in the Qing Dynasty Hunan army. Hong Kong was lost by the Qing army." He added that his force would be used for internal security

Thais to kill 150,000 stray dogs FROM ANDREW DRUMMOND

IN BANGKOK

OFFICIALS in Thailand have amnounced a plan to kill, within five years, up to 150,000 stray dogs by poisoning, in an attempt to cradicate rabies.

The proposal, announced in Bangkok by Vijit Sujaphes, the Deputy Director of the Livestock Development Department, was initiated to commemorate the liftieth anniversary of King Bhumipol Adulyade s accession to the

that 66 per cent of Thais support the idea of disposing of the strays — unusual in Buddhist Thailand where animals are normally killed only for their meat.

The plan has, however, already been criticised by animal welfare groups. Sirilak Srimuang, the president of the Society for the Promotion of Animal Welfare, said it was inappropriate to link the campaign with such an auspicious Three million of the more

than ten million dogs in Thailand are estimated to be

strays. Cities such as Bangkok are plagued by packs of teral strays who often attack strangers. Last year, more than 160,000 Thais sought rabies vaccinations after being bitten by dogs, at a cost of more than £5 million. Rabies killed 185

A previous plan to stage a boxing fight involving Mike Tyson to mark the anniversary was abandoned two weeks ago after there were comaints that it was highly inappropriate to invite a convicted rapist to honour the

Pakistan threatens arms race with India

By Christopher Thomas SOUTH ASIA CORRESPONDENT

PAKISTAN said yesterday that it may be forced to enter an arms race if India continues its missile programme. Islamabad is worried that the Prithvi missile, which India has successfuly test-fired several times, will be deployed

along its border. The weapon is capable of carrying a nuclear warhead and its deployment would mean a big shift in the military halance. America has warned India that deploying the missile could lead to an arms race. President Leghari of Pakistan said yesterday his country would do whatever it could to respond to any deployment.

The Prithvi missile will create a very serious and new threat for Pakistan," he said. "We can also put in our effort to produce an indigenous missile, but we wish to avoid such a race."

India conducted what it said was a successful test last Saturday of a longer-range version of the Prithvi, which the Defence Ministry said struck its target 155 miles from

its east coast launch site. Mr Leghari said Pakistan had yet to decide how it would counter any Indian move to start full production of the Prithvi, which would be "tantamount to deployment". In-dia is developing a number of missiles, incuding the Agni, which has a range of up to 1,500 miles and would be capable of penetrating China. with which India went to war in 1962. Pakistan is believed to have taken delivery of Chinese-made missiles but has not deployed them.

India and Pakistan have fought three wars, two of them over the disputed region of Kashmir, which was divided between the two countries in 1947. India has begun fencing the border, officially known as the line of control, to try to stop the flow of guns from Pakistan to Muslim separatists in the Kashmir Valley. Tensions between the two countries, both of which are nuclear powers.



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Democrat win in Oregon forces Republican shift

celebrated victory in a hotly contested Senate by-election in Oregon and cited the result as further evidence that the Republican "revolution" has

Ron Wyden, a congress-man, beat Gordon Smith, a multimillionaire Republican businessman, by a narrow margin in the battle to replace Bob Packwood, the Republican senator forced to resign in October because of sexual harassment charges. He becomes Oregon's first Democratic senator since 1962 and cuts the Republicans' Senate majority to six.

Mr Smith had distanced

himself from Newt Gingrich, the unpopular House Speaker, but not from Mr Gingrich's agenda, and had sought to portray Mr Wyden as a taxand-spend liberal and Washington insider. He also outspent Mr Wyden by roughly \$1 million, and ruthlessly exploited his opponent's inability to name the Canadian Prime Minister or locate Bosnia-Herzegovina on a map.

but still failed to prevail. Local issues played a big part, but Mr Wyden insisted his victory should send a message to the Republican-controlled Congress. This race does have national implications. Oregonians are saying that this Congress is too extreme on a number of key issues. It certainly ought to be a wake-up call to Republicans on issues such as the environment, a woman's right to choose, and putting some baiance in the balanced budget." The Democrats' victory built on their modest successes

THE Democrats yesterday in November's state elections and offered an auspicious start to a year in which America will elect a President. a new House of Representatives and a third of the Senate. A poll of the Oregon voters

showed 40 per cent blamed the Republicans for the recent budget debacle that twice closed the federal Government and just 28 per cent blamed President Clinton. Forty-seven per cent approved of Mr Clinton's performance and just 28 per cent of Mr Gingrich's. Exactly half said that they would vote for Mr Clinton this November and just 36 per cent for Robert Dole, the Senate leader and the Republi-

can frontrunner. The result compounded the gloom of Republicans, still reeling from the collapse of their efforts to force Mr Clinton to agree a seven-year balanced-budget plan - the centrepiece of their drive to shrink government — by shut-



Packwood: charged with

ting down the federal Government. Facing a public backlash

Mr Gingrich and Mr Dole agreed last week to avoid shutdowns and let the Government borrow the money it needs to finance its debts, providing Mr Clinton accepts a small "down payment" towards a balanced budget They are now in the midst of

what Dick Armey, the Repub-lican House leader, calls a "pause" as they regroup and devise a strategy to advance their goals, but the freshmen feel their leaders let them down by allowing Mr Clinton to outmaneouvre them, and then caving in. "Our leaders left the table

and we lost the battle," protested Linda Smith from Washington State. "We didn't have a Plan B." complained North Carolina's Fred Heineman. Mr Gingrich was "learning the ropes. We aren't as slick and as polished as some other politicians," lamented Steve Stockman of Texas.

At a meeting of freshmen in Baltimore last week there was agreement that Mr Clinton had proved tougher than expected and won the public relations war by painting the Republicans as extremists and himself as the defender of social programmes. Mr Gingrich has acknowledged feeling like a minor league baseball player "who can't hit major eague pitching".

Thirteen months after taking power the Republicans unquestionably have changed the political debate, but they have enacted just two of the ten promises in their Contract



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Star makes magic return

FROM GILES WHITTELL TN LOS ANGELES

TO A deafening and emotional ovation, the most famous sportsman to contract HIV returned to professional baskethall and scored 19 points in

his team's stylish victory.

When Earvin "Magic" Johnson was summoned off the bench to replace a Los Angeles Lakers player sent off for a foul on Tuesday night, the Great Western Forum erupted for a full minute.

Since announcing in 1991 that he was HTV-positive, the man who reigned supreme over his sport for much of the 1980s lims lost focultive advectising contracts as companies distanced themselves from the virus and the self-confessed promiscuity that had

Chirac pushes for more balanced Atlantic alliance

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CHIRAC, who starts a state visit to Washington today, is expected to call for a more balanced Atlantic alliance in which Europe can assume greater responsibility for its own security.

In meetings with President-Clinton and during an address to a joint session of Congress, M Chirac will emphasise the importance of a manure transattentic relationship as the foundation of global leadership in the 21st century. The alliance is a permanent cornerstone of our security," M Chirac said in an interview with The Washing-ton Post yesterday. But its military structure corresponds to a time when the world was divided in two and East con-fronted West. We need to reflect on a new vision that is based on a more equal partnership, with Europe doing more for its own security."

The French President, who arrived in Washington soon after announcing that France had stopped its nuclear tests in the South Pacific, was expected to receive a particularly warm welcome in two meet-ings with Mr Clinton at the White House.

America has been pressing for a signing later this year of a comprehensive test ban treaty. M Chirac, who had defied global protests and ordered the resumption of nuclear testing in French Polynesia, announced an end to the tests on Monday and said France would lead the crusade on big

disarmament issues. Renewed French commitment to that end has lent extra importance to the Washington visit during which M Chirac will attend a state dinner at the White House tonight. "We warmly embrace M Chirac's decision," a White House official said yesterday, "and that will be reflected in his meet-

ings with the President."

The two men will discuss plans for the summer meeting of the Group of Seven industrialised nations in Lyons, the Bosnian accord, and bilateral trade issues. But M. Chirac, a disciple of de Gaulle who aspires to play a pivotal role in the shaping of a new world order in the wake of the Cold War, will be most eager to reinforce his role as international statesman while emphasising his close ties with America.

In the newspaper interview. M Chirac said he saw his main tasks as promoting European unity, embracing new democracies in the East and reinforcing what he re-ferred to as "one of the world's oldest friendships", between Prance and the United States.

The critical test for Western leaders, he said, would be the management of relations with Russia and the countries of the former Eastern bloc. "Nato's enlargement is inevitable, but it poses a political problem with the Russians," M Chirac said. We must take our time and be very diplomatic, so we do not frighten or humiliate the Russians. And the other

Eastern countries realise this. M Chirac may receive a lightly cooler reception to his address on Capitol Hill. Certain Democrats have threatened to boycott the speech because of the six nuclear tests conducted since last autumn. while hardline Republicans may flinch at his message. M Chirac is to urge Congress to avoid isolationism and will remind the Republican majority that Europe spends £20 billion a year on foreign aid. three times the amount ear



IMF loan backed by Clinton shington: President (**) has given his processing to

ton has given his unconditional backing to Moscow over a disputed loan of \$9 billion from the International Monetary Fund (Tom Rhodes

writes).

The decision comes a week after the State Department and executives at the IMF suggested the loan would be withheld unless President Yeltsin were willing to reaffirm Russia's commitment to economic reform. After a meeting with Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, at the White House this week, Mr Clinton said he was convinced by assurances he had received that economic and democratic reforms would continue.

British driver shot in Sarajevo

Saraievo: Gunmen in Serbheld areas of the Bosnian capital wounded a British driver and peppered another Land Rover with bullets, Nato officials said. The incident, which occurred late on Tues day in Ilidza, came just 48 hours after a US Army officer was grazed in the neck by a

The unidentified driver was taken to hospital after being hit in the left wrist, but was released yesterday. (AP)

The man behind Superman dies

Los Angeles: Jerry Siegel, the creator of Superman, has died aged 81 (Giles Whittell writes). Having dreamed up the idea of "the Man of Steel" in 1934 with a friend, Mr Siegel was fired by his publisher and struggled for decades for royalties from his indestructible creation, which earned mil-lions for Hollywood.

Frozen assets

Moscow: Russia has closed in Vostok Antarctic research station after nearly 40 years because of a lack of money. The base had monitored the ezone layer and long-termclimatic changes, [Repair]

Chimpanzee infected with HIV loses resistance and develops Aids. BY NIGEL HAWKES of HIV II years ago, a conference in that are the hallmark of Aids. The chimpanzee showed a gradual de-

SCIENCE EDITOR

A CHIMPANZEE infected with HIV has developed symptoms of Aids. Until now it had been believed that, unlike monkeys. chimpanzees were resistant to the syndrome. The chimpanzee involved was infected with one strain

Washington was told yesterday by Dr Francis Novembre of the Yerkes Primate Research Centre at Emory University in Atlanta. Two years later it was injected with another strain of the virus.

The team was able to show that the virus had entered the animal's system. In subsequent years the dine in CD4 immune system cells. similar to that seen in humans infected with HIV. The CD4 count is used as a monitor of the health of the immune system.

In the chimpanzee, CD4 counts fell, then rose, then fell again. Last March the animal developed chronic diarrhoea and infections

time " at was taken for full symptoms to develop is not different from that in man, but the hope that chimpanzees might provide dues of the disease can no longer be

The conference, on retroviruses and opportunistic infections, also

heard encouraging news about Aids. A new drug called Crixivan, developed by Merck Sharp and Dohme, has shown the ability, in conjunction with other drugs, to reduce the level of HIV below the detection threshold.

In combination with the drug AZT and 3TC. Crixivan reduced HIV to undetectable levels in 86 per six months. When it was used alone. Crixivan achieved the same effect in 44 per cent of patients. Crixivan is one of a new class of

Aids drugs called protease inhibi-tors. The results, presented by Dr Roy Gulick of New York University School of Medicine, have excited

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Tamil lorry bomb rips apart central bank in Colombo

FROM VLITTHA YAPA IN COLOMBO AND CHRISTOPHER THOMAS, SOUTH ASIA CORRESPONDENT

A HUGE lorry bomb tore trapped on upper floors. Police palace. President Bandaraapart the centre of Colombo. the Sri Lankan capital, yester-day in one of the biggest at-tacks by the Tamil Tigers in 13 years of civil war. At least 55 people were killed, and more than 1.500 injured. A radio station put the toll at 91 dead.

The bomb devastated the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in

the most affluent part of the commercial capital. Authorities fear that a number of people remain buried inside the buildings which were still smouldering last night while helicopters ferried water in huge containers to pour on

A Defence Ministry spokes-man said two suspected Tiger rebels had been arrested. A separate statement said sec-urity forces had also seized two bomb-making kits, two automatic rifles with ammunion and two radio sets, and had found a disposable rocket launcher near the scene of the

explosion.
Wimesses said a lorrystopped near the bank at
about 10.45am and were confronted by security staff. Sud-denly about five people jumped out of the vehicle with guns blazing and exploded two bombs. Meanwhile, the lorry reversed into the Central

Buildings in the area, including the 14-storey head-quarters of the Ceylinco Group, were engulied in flames. Firemen and security officials used cranes and heli-

said they suspected the Liber-ation Tigers of Tamil Eclam were responsible for the bombs. The rebels were doubttion when thousands of government troops drove them out of their stronghold in Jaffna City, on the northern Jaffna peninsula, two months

ago. The Tigers are likely to escalate attacks in Colombo trolled Eastern Province now

> 6 Many are trapped. We have to put out the fires and

save as many

as possible?

that they do not have a homeland to protect.

The economic conse quences for Sri Lanka will be catastrophic, both through direct losses and because of lost iburism and foreign investment. The city centre is a cluster of high-rise office buildings, hotels and banks, and was crowded when the bomb went off.

Witnesses said two accomplices of the long thriver set off explosions, immediately before the vehicle crashed into the building, about 150

fortified building about a mile because of security.

Rescue operations were hampered by fears that another bomb might be set off. a tactic often used by the Tigers to kill security forces. The city's main army base, which was attacked by the Tigers late last year, is a few hundred yards from the site of

Security has been intense in the city for several months ation against the Tamil Tigers in their Jaffna redoubt. The rebels did not immediately admit responsibility for the explosion, but it is clear they

were behind it.

It may be days before the number of dead becomes clear. The injured were taken away in convoys of buses to nearby hospitals.

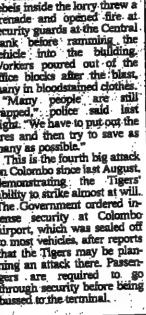
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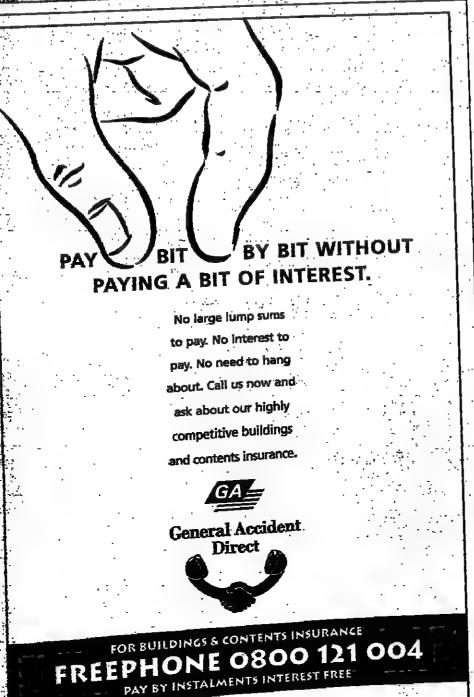
enveloped in black smoke as firefighters struggled to bring several blazes under control. Flames raged in half a dozen buildings, preventing police and rescuers, from getting through. The windows of the newly built 39-storey World Trade Centre, a symbol of Sri Lanka's economic aspirations,

The building's twin towers, dominating the skyline, were still receiving finishing touches from builders. At least a dozen high-rise structures were damaged. The Indian Overseas Bank, opposite the Central Bank, was among those badly damaged. Wisnesses said some of the

ebels inside the lorry threw a grenade and opened fire at security guards at the Central Bank before ramming the vehicle into the building. Workers poured out of the office blocks after the blast, many in bloodstained clothes. "Many people are still trapped," police said last night: "We have to put out the fires and then try to save as many as possible."

This is the fourth big attack on Colombo since last August, demonstrating the Tigers' ability to strike almost at will. ning an attack there. Passen-





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A wounded victim of the Colombo bomb is helped to safety by a soldier yesterday

Victory in Jaffna proves hollow as war is widened

By Christopher Thomas

ment's strategy of bringing is clear. The epicentre of the peace through war was wrecked by yesterday's bomb. The Tamil Tigers have demonstrated that they cannot be defeated militarily or hum-

bled politically.

President Bandaranaike Kumaratunga's country is in worse condition than before she launched a remarkable peace initiative last August, when she announced her readiness to abandon central power and turn the nation into a union of largely independent regions. That would have allowed Tamils to live in the north and east of the island with constitutionally uaranteed autonomy, although the precise arrange-

The plan has stalled in parliament because of Sinhalese opposition. It has been much modified in the hope of garnering the necessary twothirds majority, but will have to be mauled to the point of becoming meaningless before it stands a chance of parliamentary passage. Tamils see that as another betrayal.

The Government's political initiative was combined with an unprecedented military offensive against the Tigers, culminating two months ago in the capture of Jaffna City, capital of the Tamil Tigers' de facto homeland and traditional heart of Tamil culture. It has turned into a disastrous victory. The loss of Jaffina humiliated not just the Tigers but also the entire Tamil population of Sri Lanka, drivng a wider wedge between The net result of Mrs

THE Sri Lankan Govern- Kumaratunga's failed policy war has moved from the remote and economically unimportant Jaffna peninsula to the capital and the Eastern Province, where there are many Tamils who can shield the displaced Tiger soldiers. The Sinhalese Tamil ethnic divide has widened because of the displacement of 350,000 Jaffna Tamils, who are jammed into refugee camps or forced to live with friends

They are jobless, homeless, poor and angry. They blame their plight on a Sinhalese President who offered hope, then wrecked their lives. The capture of Jaffna City has been so calamitous that the Government refuses to allow reporters for the international press to go there. That is because the cameras would reveal what the Government controls: empty streets and houses, schools without teachers or children, hospitals without patients, fields without

The Government banked on the Tamils returning home, but it was a miscalculation and Jaffna remains a ghost town. The Tigers intimi-dated the population into leaving and not going back. Tamil political parties that

are co-operating with Mrs Kumaratunga's strategy have not just been marginalised by their association with a failed policy, they are now all but irrelevant. Only the Tamil Tigers can speak for the Tamil community, which remains substantially under the rebels' control in spite of the



When a case of heartburn must not be ignored

A painful swallow

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BARRETT'S metaplasia of the oesophagus is unlikely to be the subject of dinner-party conversation. It is a condition which is little known, and yet it affects more than 10 per cent of those people who bave chronic oesophagitis. Diagnosing it ear-

ly may well be life-saving. Oesophagitis is the inflammation of the lining of the bottom end of the oesophagus (gullet). and is the result of the reflux of the acid gastric contents on to cells which, unlike those in the stomach, are not designed to withstand it. The patient complains of indigestion in general and in particular heartburn,

often associated with chest pain. The symptoms are made worse by stooping or even lying flat after a heavy meal, or by putting on so much weight that the excess abdominal fat squeezes the stomach contents back into the oesophagus.

In those patients with oesophagitts who develop metaplasia, chronic inflammation leads to a loss of the type of mucosa (lining) usually found in the oesophagus and its replacement by the sort of ceils which normally line the stomach. The importance of a Barrett's oesophagus is that the alien patches of mucosa can become ulcerated, which later leads to scarring and constric-tion. In a few patients the cellular changes may herald the development of cancer of the

The introduction of Losec (omeprazole) and more recently Zoton (lansoprazole) has revolutionised the treatment of persistent oesophagitis. It clears the symptoms, beals the inflammation, and in some cases allows the mucosai cells of a Barrett's oesophagus to revert to their normal structure, thereby removing the risk of malignancy.

St James's Church, Piccadilly.

Major Munthe had a notable record of wartime service but was later better known for his

collection of paintings and

objets d'art. He was the son of Axel Munthe,

the doctor and author, whose autobiography, The Story of San Michele, became a bestseller. In his early writing, he described the impact the introduction of surgery for the

treatment of appendicitis had made on

medical practice. After King Edward VII had

his appendix removed, the operation became

very fashionable and the young Dr Munthe profited from this fashion, which enabled

him to indulge his taste for housebuilding

and writing.

The art of diagnosing acute appendictis has changed little in the past 90 years. It is

still mainly made on the history and clinical

signs, although the classic picture is not

always present. The pain is initially accompa-

nied by nausea and sometimes vomiting, and

is central. Only later does it shift to the lower

right side of the abdomen. This area is tender

when touched and there is rebound tender-

ness — when the pressure of the examining

hand is removed, the pain is felt again.

Pressing on the left-hand side of the abdomen

results in the sensation of pain on the right.

The patient has a slight temperature and an

increase in the white blood count. Modern

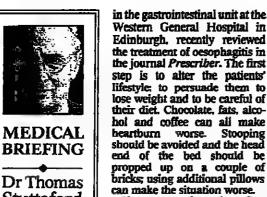
technology such as ultrasound is only useful

once complications, such as peritonitis or an

abscess, have developed.

Dr Kelvin Palmer, a consultant physician

Art built on



If symptoms from the reflux

oesophagitis persist despite sim-ple precautions, and if there are no worrying features, such as the sudden onset of indigestion in middle or older age or weight loss, simple remedies such as antacids or alginates such as Gaviscon should be used. If these fail the H2 antagonists such as Zantac or Tagamet should be prescribed. If they are ineffective the patient should then be

investigated by endoscopy.

If Barrett's oesophagus is found on endoscopy, regular biopsies of the affected area are needed until it clears. How often this is done depends on the severity of the changes in the cells. If there is little in the way of abnormal cellular changes, regular annual checks with an endoscope, coupled with treatment with Losec or Zoton, may be

if the changes in the cells are more marked six-monthly biopsies are called for until they have reverted to normal. In some cases, surgery may be necessary. In China and Japan, where oesophageal surgery is very advanced, there is sometimes criticism of the laisser-faire way in which we in the West have treated oesophagitis. The long-term effectiveness of the drugs in preventing malignant change has still to be evaluated.

It's all a question of the surgeon's knife timing your tablets A MEMORIAL service for the late Major Malcolm Munthe was held this week at

THE treatment of high blood pressure is now becoming so sophisticated that the time when the tablets are taken is increasingly important. It is vital that there should be a high level of effectiveness of any drug in the early hours of

the day, when most cardiovascular incidents occur. But if a very high dose has to be given in order to achieve a desirably long period of protection, the problem of hypotension, too low a blood pressure with consequent dizziness and other side effects, may be encountered soon after the pills have been

Guidelines are now being agreed so that the ability of prescribed drugs to achieve a 24hour action can be measured and recorded. At no time should the effect of the drug be less than 60 per cent of its peak effectiveness, which is usually soon after it has been swallowed. Recently it has been suggested that if there is too great a variation in blood pressure levels, and therefore in the effectiveness of the drug dose during the 24 hours, the drug may fail to prevent the complications of

One of the problems of taking betablockers (drugs often used to treat high blood pressure) at night, so as to give better cover against beart complications, is that even the cardioselective varieties can cause insomnia, restlessness and vivid dreams. Doctors must be certain the dose of any drug prescribed is adequate; smaller doses often used at the start of treatment may not give round-the-clock

Money won't buy me a new pair of hands Ling's s victim Ron us tells Licwellyn why he r despite ard Lird we 18, 1987, Ron passing through the station on the station of t

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Lipsius was passing through King's Cross Tube station on the way to a basketball game, when he found himself in hell. The whole place reverberated to the eerie moaning of people crying: 'Oh God, oh God.' There was the crackling, the air was super dry with not a drop of water in it. The stench of burning flesh was unbelievable, I have never smelt anything so disgusting.

"I was in some bizarre underground chamber, filled with choking black smoke and there was this huge orange and black fire, like ari entity, like a monster, between the wall and the ceiling. I thought: 'Oh no, not now, not me, not this way."

Thirty-one people died in the King's Cross fire. Lipsius, 35, who was born in Manhattan, survived to endure nearly ten years of horrendous pain, operations, deep depression and shattered dreams.

An up-and-coming musician, his hands were burnt so badly as he tried to protect his face that he had to give up all hopes of playing the guttar professionally. When he does play, his fingers bleed. "I would give anything to have had my entire torso and my legs destroyed, instead of my

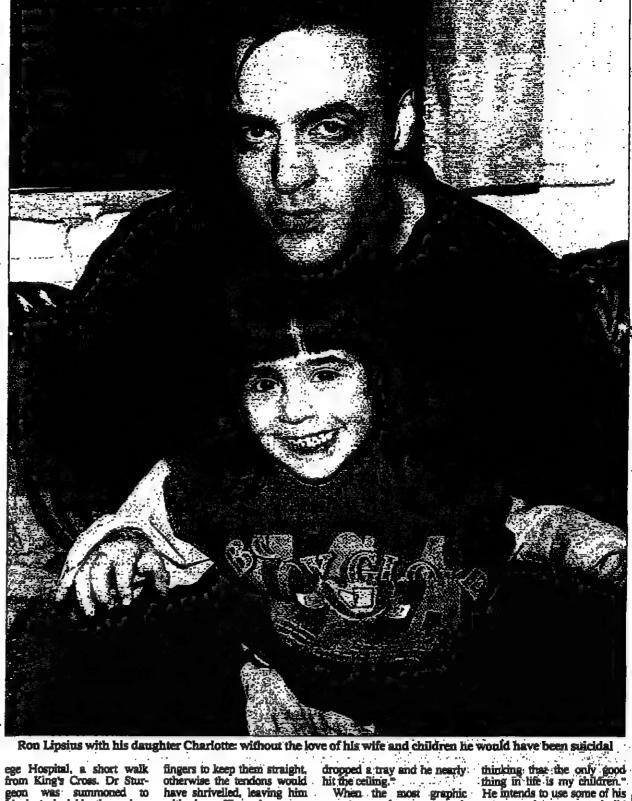
n Monday, Lipsius was awarded £650,000 in agreed High Court damages, after a protracted legal battle that has left him exhausted and embittered. The sum sounds large, but covers loss of earnings, suffering and past and future care. "London Transport has

shown no remorse and no goodwill," he says. "They have been saying that I should have got over my ordeal sooner and that I would never have made it as a professional musician, anyway. It doesn't help you get to better when you have just got away with your life to find yourself having to account for whether it was a worthwhile

Over the years, London Transport has refused to pay for special creams, gloves or for Lipsius's triplet brothers to fly to London. "We are made of the same skin and bone. But London Transport said: 'We will only pay for your mother and father to come."

Lawyers even queried the cost of the trousers that Lipsius was wearing at the time of the fire. They said: Can you substantiate the fact that your trousers cost £50? That is too much.' Well, they were good-quality Italian trou-sers and if I hadn't been wearing them my legs would have been burnt to hell."

A thin, handsome man, Lipsius is sitting in the office of his psychiatrist. Dr David Sturgeon, at University Coll-



Lipsius's bedside three days after the accident and the men

have become good friends. Lipsius, whose fingers are pink, swollen and covered in bandages, spent three months in UCH and has

undergone 18 operations, including one without general ansesthetic. He faces at least ten more. Until 1993, he was having daily physiotherapy sessions, for which he needed to be

dosed with painkilling drugs. The lowest point came two months after the fire, with a

nine-hour skin graft operation. Each hand was stitched inside pockets of skin near the groin and left for three weeks for the graft to take. Lipsius had to be cut away from his body before his fingers could he separated. At one stage, metal pins were inserted in his with claws. The pain was so intent that Dr Sturgeon had

to prescribe him heroin. Mercally, the torture has been profound, with Lipsius suffering terrible guilt that he

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was unable to save a friend's mother with whom he was travelling. He also suffered post-traumatic stress, constantly reliving his three minutes in the fire. "It was like a video replaying in my brain," he says. "I didn't dare go to sleep until I was totally ready to

drop off, otherwise

I would be tortured with flashbacks." Dr Sturgeon says: "Ron would be talking to someone about something entirely different, when he would be overwhelmed by thoughts of the disaster. He was in a state of hyper-arousal - on a knife-edge all the time. Once

symptoms of stress eased, Lipsius was left with a lingerfire, I had an incredible zest for life. I enjoyed every minute, I had no worries about my future. Now I can't believe what I have turned into. I have. lost all my enthusiasm, I don't do anything, except play foot-ball and God knows I need to tackle people, to scream and yell. But most of the time. I wonder what the point of life is. We are all pushing and shoving to get somewhere, and for what?"

He would, he says, have been suicidal, without the love of his wife, Sally, and their three children - James, six, Charlotte, four, and Katie, one. "When Ron left hospital, he told me that he and Sally had new priorities and wanted to start a family as soon as possible," says Dr Sturgeon. The aim now, he says, is to find some new purpose in life.

for myself, as opposed to

He intends to use some of his compensation money to build :: a recording studio in his basement, where he can work with electronic keyboards. "The problem is I need to find the motivation to do that," he says, dejectedly.

ipsius is articulate. nervous and aggressive, pacing the room when he gets excited and loking constantly. I remark that he has not lost his sense of humour and suddenly he collapases on the couch. like a punctured balloon. "His humour is very superficial. says Dr Sturgeon.

Settling his case may give Linsius the tranquillity he needs to make a total recovery. "I didn't want to settle, my sense of fairness wanted to fight it out. For the past eight years they have put me through this incredible ordeal. Isn't it enough they ruined my life already? Whatever they give me, I can never buy a new

Do beta carotene pills actually threaten your health? Nigel Hawkes on a disturbing new report

Vitamin pill warning

tistically significant, were cer-

They might have been dis-

missed as a fluke were it not

for the earlier Finnish study,

which also showed an 18 per

cent increase in lung cancer

among smokers taking beta

carotene. "Since the two stud-

ies together support the con-

clusion of no benefit, and

suggest that there may be

harm, we decided that it is

Professor Gilbert Omenn of

the University of Washington

prudent to stop the research."

tainly not encouraging.

on the ward, somebody

The vitamin industry has been shaken by the results of trials which cast doubt on the value of popping pills to ward off cancer and heart disease.

The results suggest that whatever magic fruit and vegetables contain, it does not reside in beta carotene, a plant pigment that until now has been high on the list of "natural" remedies against degenerative disease. Worse still. the new results confirm findings made two years ago that had been shrugged off

Beta carotene, found in carross, green leasy vegetables and a range of brightly col-oured fruits, is an antioxidant. On the assumption that much of the damage underlying heart disease and cancer is caused by highly reactive free radicals generated in the body, compounds that can mop

them up should be beneficial. The evidence that people who eat more fruit and vegetables suffer fewer of these diseases has been attributed to the antioxidants — principally vitamins and beta carotene that they contain. To try to prove it. various trials were launched, including the Beta Carotene and Retinol Efficacy Trial (CARET) which started four years ago in America.

The idea was to test whether

men at greater risk of getting

Carrots are rich in beta carotene - but is it beneficial?

cancer — because they smoked or had been in contact with asbestos -- would be helped by a combination of beta carotene and vitamin A supplements. The trial was a big one. involving 18.314 men.

It was stopped early after results suggested that the supplements provided no benefit and might even increase the risks. Among the group taking the pills, cancers were 28 per cent higher, and the overall death rate 17 per cent higher. These results, though not sta-

searcher, said.

He conceded that the results were "troubling" and said he had no explanation for them. The trial had cost \$42 million (£28 million) by the time it wasstopped on January 10. t remains possible that

in Seattle, the principal re-

smokers are the wrong population on which to test beta carotene, but another study completed last year suggests that may not be the case. The Physician's Health Study had spent 12 years comparing three groups of American doctors, given either aspirin, beta carolene or nothing. The aspirin arm was concluded early, on clear evidence of benefit: the beta carotene arm showed no benefit.

Taken together, these resuits now clearly tell us that for the general population beta carotene is not a magic buillet - that taking beta carotene is not equivalent to eating a diet that is rich in fruit and vegetables." Professor Charles Hennekens of Harvard, who

led the physicians' study, said. The results are puzzling. because in the CARET study those participants who had the

highest levels of beta carotene in their blood at the outset had low rates of heart disease and cancer in the final analysis, took the supplements.

The implication is that beta carotene may be a "marker" indicating that the individual has eaten a healthy diet, which would contain many other

beneficial nutrients. But reasing out just one of them is beginning to look tricky. The organiser of another trial, the Women's Antioxidant Cardiovascular Disease Trial, Dr Julie Burin of Harvard, said: "If you add in all the carotenoids, and the fibre, etc... you've got food."
In short, there may be no way of offsetting unhealthy

behaviour with a pill. This would delight the healthy earing fraternity, but disappoint the rest of us.

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ori Berenson has been found guilty of treason in Peru. Now her despairing parents reveal why they believe justice was not done

IT WAS supper time on De-cember 1, 1995 in the New York apartment of college lecturers Mark and Rhoda Berenson when the telephone rang. Mrs Berenson was because her husband was in Boston at a conference. Harr expecting it to be him, she lifted the receiver. From the end of the line, however. came a woman's voice: "Mrs Berenson? This is the State Department in Washington. I'm afraid we have some bad news about your daughter.

The US State Department official relayed that Lori, aged 26, had been arrested in Peru on suspicion of aiding a terrorist plot to blow up the parliamentary building in Lima. She had been charged with

So began, for Rhoda and Mark Berenson, an ordeal which has tested their spiritual and financial resources, has taken them on a fruitless trip

to find their daughter in a prison in the Andes, and has all but exhausted their belief in South American justice. On January 11, was found

and handed a life sentence by a military iudge. As her father, hit by a despair that only know in their-

bereavement." Lori, an energetic, idealistic wung woman, finished her No years' studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology to explore Central and South America. She had a stint in Nicaragua, then El ly married. Mark and Rhoda had brought up Lori and her older sister Kathy to be independent, and though the short-lived marriage seemed a

waste, Lori survived.

he wrote wonderful letters home. They bubbled with recipes, descriptions of her needlework and ethnic music. In time she headed for Peru. hoping to write for a New York magazine. With its letter of accreditation she was allowed in to the parliament buildings. The letters home continued. They read like the typical jottings of a liberal. brainy youngster who has sat through the sort of anthropology classes which introduce American college students to an earnest socio-babble.

In Lima, however. Lori fell into had company. She was introduced to a group which included leading members of #the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement. Lori may not have known that they were Marxist hotheads, but the Peruvian secret police did and. when they discovered alleged plans for an attack on the Government, they swooped. Lori, whose handwriting was allegedly found on scraps of paper, was arrested by plainclothes policemen on a crowded bus. At first she thought it was a kidnap attempt, and

As a bruised Lori was pushed into a waiting police van. Mark and Rhoda Berenson were dining at the National Arts Club in Manhattan. It pains Mark to think back to that night and he has not returned to the club since.

Friends say that Rhoda has been the strong one, keeping to her physics teaching commitments and bolstering Mark and Kathy. "I'm a controlled person. she says, sining in the drawing room of the flat than 20 years. Against one wall is the piano that Lori played when she was small. As Rhoda speaks, her eyes occasionally mist over and she forgets the things one does when a stranger arrives turn on the lights, boil the

Berenson certainly

showed control the night of the State Department's call. Knowing that Mark, in Boston, would stay up all night with worry if she broke the news, she did not tell him until the next morning, "I had a few more hours of freedom," he said. "but then the nightmare began." As soon as he heard what had happened. Mark flew down to New York, then to Lima, where he was allowed to visit Lori in her police cell. When he returned to resume charge of his statistics class at New York's Baruch College, Rhoda replaced him in Lima for ten days. The Berensons than 30 years (since Mark was 16 and Rhoda was 15). This was the longest they have been

apart since they married. The end of that trip was a low point. Rhoda telephoned Mark in New York with the latest news about Lori. "You mean she isn't coming back with you?" Mark asked.

Upstairs, Lori's childhood toys lie forlornly in a box in her old bedroom, which Mark has turned into an office. Pictures of her adom a shelf in the drawing room. In one of them. Lori. aged four or five, is wearing the mili-

tary boots and cap

LETTS which Mark used during his spell of worst nightmares, said this National Service. "Better not week: "It is a living photograph that one," he says. photograph that one," he says. suddenly wary that the snap-shot might be seized on by Peruvian media as an indication of an early bellicose bent

not warmed to her plight. To understand, we should percan has been arrested for alleced links with an Irish terrorist group. The stakes were raised when President Fujimori went on Peruvian television to announce that the police, in their search for the culprits of the plot, had caught "North Americana". "Once the president did that, her fate was probably sealed." Rhoda

The Berensons accept that Lori was in bad company, and Mark concedes that there may be a case to answer, but their complaint is with the way it has been conducted. The military court which found Lori guilty had no jury, and the judge in a possibly blatant act of politicking, passed a sentence heavier than the prosecution had called for. By most standards of justice, it was an unsatisfactory piece of work. Since the sentencing, Lori

has been moved to Yanamayo prison in Puno, high in the mountains near Lake Titicaca. Conditions are harsh. Newcomers must first cope with altitude sickness, then the cold. There is no heating, no hot water - and no glass in some of the windows. Inmates stuff the windows with bedding. With no cooking facilities available, any food brought by outsiders must be eaten raw. Tins are out of the question - no can openers or knives are permitted — and when the Berensons arrived at the prison last week with provisions, several were turned away. The metal toothpaste tube was undone, the naste scraped into a plastic bag, and the empty container

handed back to Rhoda. Red, green or black clothes are not allowed at Yanamayo. for they are considered rebel colours. When Lori arrived she was dressed in thin summer clothes. Her parents took her warmer (beige) clothes, a blanket, and are now sending which has been home for more than 20 years. Against one asleeping bag. But they were not allowed to see her. The commandant declared that he was a human being first, a soldier second, but owing to "regulations", and on account of a lack of written permission from the Ministry of Justice in Lima, he was unable to let the Berensons inspect their but also supportive strangers. daughter. Instead, they had to such as a woman from Ohio







Lori's mother, Rhoda Berenson, and (right) Lori dancing with her father, Mark

communicate with Lori via handwritten notes which the commandante asked an interpreter to translate.

in the early hours when Mrs Berenson has not been sleeping, she has found herself thinking back to Lori's youth. trying to identify characterforming moments when she became a sympathiser of the downtrodden. There had been an incident in the school playground when eight-year-old Lori took the side of an unpopular girl. She came home indignant at the unfair-

'Once the Peruvian President went on television. her fate was probably sealed'

ness of it all. Was this the incident which led to her championing of native Peruvian rights, and trying to summon doctors for her fellow prisoners (thus incurring the further wrath of the prison guardsi?

Lori was an independent girl. Aged 12 she announced that she was moving to Long Island for the summer to work as a live-in babysitter. She learnt to cook plum pie, looked after her ward, and grew up fast. There seems to have been little time for the selfish hedo-nism of youth. "She was always busy, with not enough time to sit around." Rhoda says. At school she read a lot -Gabriel García Márquez and Isabel Allende - and books about Inca culture and South American traditions.

There have been telephone calls: nutters shouting abuse.

who said she was unable to sleep at night such was her worry about Lori. Others have sent money, which the Berensons have returned. The Interpet has brought them a large e-mail bag, and human rights organisations telephone to offer their help. "Congress-man Joe Kennedy called yesterday," Rhoda says.

Little things set off tears. Before she was arrested. Lori made a tape of Peruvian love songs for her father's birthday. It is now in the hands of the police. Mark asked to be allowed to make a copy, but the officials refused. Before going to bed each night, he now listens to an earlier tape Lori made. He rations himself to one song a night. "It's all I may have for the rest of my life." he says. Rhoda, who disclosed that

her husband has moments of unrelenting sudness". described how in the first few days she would awake and think, "Maybe all this will go away if I stay under the covers and refuse to come out - but then you realise that by doing things, by speaking to people, you are helping." When, hav-ing trekked all the way up into the Andes, they were refused had reached such a state of numbness that they simply shrugged. There were no tears

"It is a Kalka-esque system. Clemency does not seem to be part of the vocabulary, although repentance is." Rhoda says. Both have lost weight. and Mark is still not able to enjoy food. I just imagine that I am eating for Lori," he says. The legal prognosis is not entirely gloomy. The Beren-

sons' Manhattan ławyer, Thomas Nooter, believes it may be possible to have Lori's case sent to a civilian court. Much may also depend on longer-term political developments, although for the moment the Peruvian President is not budging, and, realistically, Lori will probably have long enough in that dank Andean cell to finish the one book at her side, a Spanish version of

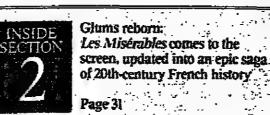
"I am proud of her strength

of conviction, and her determ-

the Bible.

ination not to ask for special treatment just because she is an American," Mark Berenson says. "but I have nightmares when I reach out for her and I cannot touch her. You know, she is a pacifist. She sometimes used to come down when I was watching the boxing on television and complain that it was too violent." Before Lori was moved to Yanamayo. Mark saw her in the prison in Lima. "She hugged me and said: 'I always wanted you to be a grandfather. I'm sorry."

was making for the door when he produced a photograph of Lori taken on her last visit home in September. It was her uncle's fiftieth birthday, and she had been her usual bright self. She had gone shopping. and to the cinema. The photograph showed a smiling, selfconfident girl. But she was to have only another two months of that carefree existence beordeal, and the life sentence which has trapped not only her, but has also incarcerated the hearts and lives of her parents.



Ooh aah Cantona the film star

Forget Arnold Schwarzenegger or Gerard Depardieu, France's latest movie heart-throb is the enfant terrible of football, as Ben Macintyre discovers



Eric Cantona (second left) plays a young peasant in Le Bonheur est dans le pré

ome: Frenchmen dream of becoming film stars, while for thers there could be no higher aspiration than performing a kung fu kick on an English football fan be-fore a live television andience. In the space of one year Eric Cantona has achieved both, confirming his status s France's least likely cul-

More than half a million French people have paid to see the enfant terrible of soccer in Le Bonheur est dans le pré (Happiness is in the meadow), a film directed by Etienne Chatiliez, which was released last month to

buge critical acclaim. A gentle and witty evoca-tion of French rural life, Le Bonheur . shot . to ' number three at the French box James Bond film Goldeneye, and has now been nomina ed for six awards by the French film industry.

The film owes at least some of its success to the 29vear-old Cantona, who plays a muscular young peasant courting a provincial farm girl. His role is largely. restricted to sitting at a kitchen table wearing a vest, looking manly and passing the odd remark in his impenetrable Marscilles accent.

This is not Oscar material. but its effect on French cinema audiences is electric. When I watched the film in Bordeaux, the andience did not chant "Ooh aah Cantona" as they are wont to do at Old Trafford, but that was plainly what they were applause ran round the cinema as he filled the screen. Long before he launched himself feet-first at Crystal

Simmons a year ago -... earning himself an eighttime to take up acting :---Cantona had carved out a reputation as a man of many, and unexpected parts. A devotee of the poet

Rimband, Cantona's behaviour on the field has more often resembled that of Rambo. A poet, amaseur philosopher, violinist, abstract painter and artist of the floating ball, the combi-French opinion

is obsessed with, and sharply divided over, the country's most controversial

is one that has earned him a sharply divided over, its most controversial export. To his supporters Cantona.

is a symbol of Gallic pride. handsome, aloof, and liable, like all great French artists, Cantona's French detrac-

tors, however, regard him as less on account of his volatile temper than because of his intellectual pretensions. As a philosophe, Cantona is

Palace supporter Matthew hardly in the premier league, Simmons a year ago — despite a bestselling collecmyself that I'm only passing

through.

Cantona is a regular target on Les Guignols, the French equivalent of Spitting Imdressed as Picasso and spouting pseudo-philosophical clapurap. He was brought up in a house converted from a cave carved out of the hillside at Caillols near Marseilles - and there are those who consider him to be a Neunderthal who has managed to memorise some lines

But the story of Cantona's fall from grace last year, when he became the first soccer professional to attack a spectator in modern times. and his resurrection is an odd mixture of melodrama and farce peculiarly appeal-ing to French tastes.

indeed, the plot of Cantona's personal odyssey is mirrored by that of Le Bonheur est dans ie pre. The stressed and manic city busi nessman who finds when he takes on the identity of another man (along with his wife, his two danghters and his fole gras farm) deep in the French countryside.

Cantona's alliane lies in his leaving the impression that he has very little notion of what he might do next. Anything seems possible, from a career in French politics to bodily harm. As Rimband once wrote:

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The open society and its enemy

Bernard Connolly explains why

the Commission sacked him

ive months ago. The Times serialised extracts from my book The Rotten Heart of Europe, which showed how Europe was being made into the low-growth, ph-unemployment centre of the world. The economy of every member state has been ravaged by the imposition of a false economic theory in pursuit of a political end. The maleficent mechanism was first the ERM; now, it is supplemented by Maastricht planning blight. The result can only be a worsening of economic performance, a de-cline in political legitimacy and a serious risk of a fractur-

ing of the European Union. The day the first extract from my book appeared. my then employer, the European Commission, made it clear that it saw no place in the institution for someone who felt the fears I had expressed. And it allowed a smear campaign against my character. Today, a decision has been implemented to sack me from my job as head of the unit monitoring the European

In the interim, the Commission has subjected me to treatment that it has in the past reserved — as

anyone knew only for officials suspected of serious criminal offences. Had I perhaps been guilty not only of the "eccentricity" (and worse) of which I was accused, but also of a political

seems, was to get things right. as the events of the past few months have amply shown. Getting it right, particularly in advance of developments, requires analysis. Yet as I wrote, open-eyed, in the last sentence of my book, analysis is regarded in a closed society as dissent, and dissent cannot be tolerated. The Commission, in its formal statement of the reasons for sacking me, stresses that I had previously been refused permission to publish theoretical articles. The problem with these, apparently, was that like my book, they made economic points that might have raised questions about the adequacy of the

Commission's analysis.

For some years, the so-called single currency project in Europe has been in a state of what George Soros, a passionate defender of open societies. has called a static disecuilibrium. As Soros argued, static disequilibrium is possible only in a closed society, one in which the gap between perception and reality is masked by the imposition of an official myth. When the myth begins to be questioned, the closed society begins to break down and static disequilibrium becomes transformed, as in Eastern Europe in 1989, into dynamic disequilibrium; then rapid change becomes pos-sible. In most respects, the countries of Western Europe are open societies, but where the single currency is concerned, the gulf between official perception and reality, and between popular wishes and political will, is huge.

seen an explosion of comment in practically every EU country, from politicians, bankers, academics and industrialists. on the impracticality and dangers of the Maastricht process. Are we now seeing in Western Europe the beginnings of an awakening on monetary issues to match the earlier political awakening to the

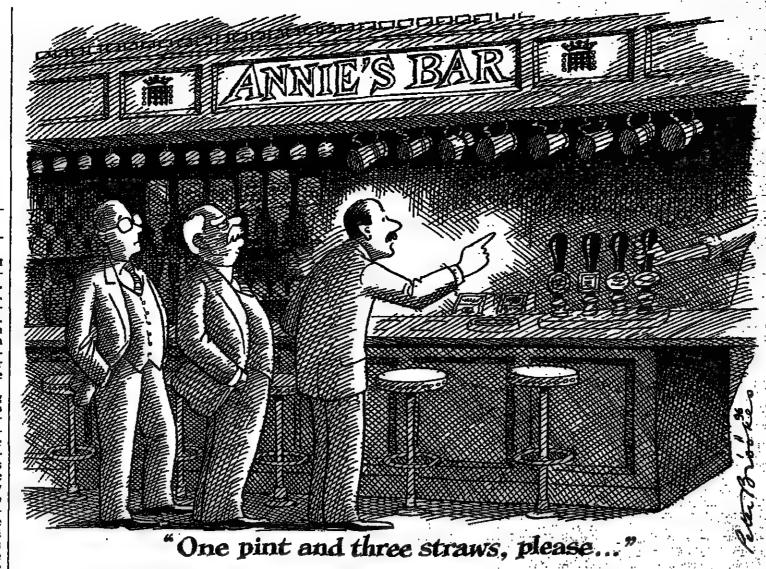
Unfortunately, my sacking gives no encouragement to those who hope for greater openness and realism on European monetary issues. The Commission's regulations en-join officials to defend the EU's interests be defended except by seeking to narrow the gap between perception and reali-ty? The perception of the single currency, recently reiterated by Jacques Santer, is that it is an economic instrument, the purpose of which is to improve employment prospects. But for Jacques Delors, as he has recently reaffirmed, the single currency is instead a means of bringing about political union. The reality is that using an economic instrument to pursue a political aim divides the employed from the unem-ployed the rich from the poor. whether as individuals or as

nations. It puts the underlying objec-tives of the EU at **Doubters** risk, and threatens clearly are its very survival as a meaningful entity. not to be The dangers are most obvious on the welcomed economic side — but there are political in Europe risks too. The econo-

my, like political society, is an organism, not a machine, and perception and reality can react in potentially destabilising ways. The continental perception of political helplessness in the face of rising unemployment and crum-bling welfare systems may, if nothing happens to change it, lead not only to self-feeding economic gloom but also to political despair. That is what Martine Aubry, daughter of Jacques Delors, means in France when she says that the single currency is not worth the destruction of a country And those are the dangers that prompted the leader of the German Social Democrats, Oskar Lafontaine, to warn that if unemployment worsens inexorably then the conditions for a revival of Fascism could

t is crucially important. that the glimmerings of political realism on the Continent, as yet seen only on the fringes of power in the key countries, penetrate to the core. If they do not, then not only the "hard core" but the whole of Western Europe will find it hard not to sink further into an economic mire and a period of political resentment within and between countries. That is what I warned five months ago. Today, the warning must be even more urgent. Time is now short for Europe not to create the single currency (which would divide Europe rather than unite it) but to restore economic dynamism and preserve political harmony by elevating eco-nomic reasoning above polit-

be created.



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Be a hare, not a hippo

was present at the birth of the word "unbundling". In 1989, Sir James Goldsmith, Kerry Packer and Lord Rothschild made a bid for BAT; it was then the largest bid ever made for a British company, and may still be so. I was a non-executive director of the Rothschild board and was asked to write a note outlining my view of the bid strategy. I concentrated on the theme of releasing value by breaking up a conglomerate into its constituent parts: I used the clumsy word "disaggregation". Sir James changed that to the more domestic word "unbundling", which has been used ever since. The bid failed,

mainly because of regulatory insur-ance problems in California, but partly also because BAT did some unbundling of its own. Although the bid failed, I still think it was far-sighted. Even in the late 1980s, when conglomerates were much more fashionable, this bid foresaw that they reduced values, for two reasons. The first is that top management is bound to lack specialist knowledge of the individual businesses, even if it is a strong management in more general ierms. The second is that investors prefer well-defined investments, so that they can choose the industrial sectors in which to place their funds. The more professional fund management becomes, the greater the weight of this

requirement. Last month saw two City decisions which point in opposite directions. Fund managers decided to accept the Granada bid for Forte, which, whatever else it did, undoubtedly raised the degree to which Granada is a conglomerate. And Lord Hanson, himself the most successful builder of a large British conglomerate since the war, decided to unbundle Hanson into four sepa-

rate operating groups. The Hanson share price in recent years shows what the market view of conglomerates really is. Since the beginning of 1990, the price of Hanson has underperformed the market by more than a third; since the beginning of 1995, it has underperformed by about a quarter. The market recognises that Hanson is extremely good at controlling costs, but did not see a good growth prospect. Another big bid might have given Hanson a final once-for-all lift, but no such big opportunity appeared. The strategy of splitHanson's unbundling is welcome at: a time when the City of London is

becoming isolated and distrusted

ting up the conglomerate should therefore be welcomed, despite the initially cool market reaction. Granada has swallowed the opposite policy; it is still in the bundling stage. So far, the Granada share price has held up well, but these are very

The normal pattern for conglomerates shows a reasonable share performance during the acquisition per-lod, followed by underperformance relative to the market once the initial benefits have been absorbed. Surveys show that at least 50 per cent of hostile bids prove disappointing for the shareholders

company.

The Forte bid has reduced the tele vision proportion of Granada's profits Indeed one of the fascinating ques-tions is why Gerry Robinson decided to shift the empha-

the acquiring

sis of his company away from television and towards catering. In the City, relevision earnings are con-sidered to be of better quality than catering. Granada is partly a media and partly a leisure company, but the market currently values media earnings at a third more than earnings from leisure and hotels. Gerry Robinson decided to lower the average quality of Granada's earnings, as the City sees them.

That decision looks all the stranger when Granada was actually thinking of bid-ding for Pearson, a very high-quality media company indeed. which owns the Financial Times as well as other publishing and television assets. One press report sug-gests that Granada was prepared to offer 900p a share for Pearson, as against a recent price of around 650p. Such a bid would not have unburdled Granada itself, but, if successful, would have created a very powerful media company, a far better business than is likely to emerge from the Forte bid. One can only assume that

Granada decided that Forte, though a much less attractive target, would be easier to win. It was a decision to go for second best.

The big fund managers, and particularly Mercury Asset Management, which decided the Forte outcome, also have difficult strategic problems to settle. In 1979, Siegmund Warburg thought so little of Mercury Asset Management that he told Peter Stormonth Darling, "Now, Peter, you are the chairman of this business. Your first job is to get rid of it." It is now the largest fund management company in Lon-

than £70 billion under ... management... Relative to their domestic economies. that is considerably which, with more than \$400 billion, is the largest fund manager in the United States.

Fidelity knows the problem of size, of being too large for comfort. Its top management has just imposed new, more restrictive and conservative guidelines upon its fund managers, who, as at Mercury Asset Management, have enjoyed considerable freedom. The problems of size include the control of fund managers, the inability to outperform a market in which one is too large a part of the market, and the shortage of liquidity when one's average investment becomes too large. A small fund manager has the mobility of small size: the hare is nimbler than the hippopotamus. The small top management can be in daily personal contact with all the individual managers, the holdings are small enough to be realised quickly without unduly moving the market, investments can usefully be made in small and medium. companies. Even when a very large fund manager does take a profit, as with Forte, that has little effect on overall performance, though it may be significant for individual manag-

ers' bonuses. The smaller the fund, the easier it is to operate. Regulatory costs make the overheads of small funds in London too high, but even so the optimum size for potential performance is quite low. The big funds subdivide investment decision-making, but that has its problems too. The market will look at the total stake of a fund management company, not at the individual managers' holding of particular shares.

There is a further difficulty. A large number of pension funds belong to companies which are themselves potential bid targets, now or in the nume. Whatever the City thinks, the heavet of these treatments. boards of these companies regard aggressive bids as acts of war. A very large fund manager, which builds up large stakes in potential bid targets, can therefore be seen, not unreasonably, as attacking its own actual or potential customers. If one's customers regard one as an enemy, that is a commercial handicap.

s a whole, the City underrates the extent to which it is regarded as the enemy rather than the ally of British business. During the boom of the 1980s, some banks were quite reck less in financing hostile bids for their own customers. During the recession of the early 1990s, some banks withdrew loans quite ruthlessly from businesses that might otherwise have survived. City fees are seen as extortionate, and inordinate bonuses are believed to be an incentive to irresponsible speculation. Large bonuses must indeed have played their part in the collapse of Barings. Now many ordinary directors of nonfinancial companies see the Granada Forte bid as the sign of a return to the

speculative excesses of the 1980s. There has been some response. The clearing banks are genuinely concerned to avoid the mistakes of the last boom and bust in business loans. Fidelity has reined in its fund managers, and I suspect Mercury Asset Management will have to do the same. The Forte bid demonstrated that big stakes can put even very large companies into play. and these big stakes will have to be reviewed. Lord Hanson has shown that good conglomerates can unbundle themselves. I hope that official policy will move towards encouraging individual rather than institu tional saving. Yet despite a few good signs, the City is out the edge of a district and isolation it cannot afferd.

Close-knit but does it unravel?

Michael Gove on

two new tracts

for the times

The battleground between Tory and Labour may now look so arid that no new ideas can take root, yet this week has seen the publication of two pamphlets by adversaries who were once allies, which show that original thinkers have not deserted politics.

Roger Scruton and John Gray were once the Jacob and Esau of the Right. In the 1980s, Gray, a hirsute Geordie, articulated from Oxford the case for Thatcher as impovator and liberator. Scruton, a polished salon Conservascribol, a possess saion conserva-rive and country cousin of Cam-bridge's Peterhouse Right, appropri-ated Thatcher, for Tury traditional-ism. In the 1990s, they present rival, rather than complementary views of the condition of Britain.

In After Social Democracy
(Demos, E5.95). Gray, the rependant
neo-liberal who is now happier with new Labour, provides intellectual props for Blairite insights. Scruton, in The Conservative Idea of Community (Conservative 2000 Founda-tion, E5), tries in seliesh a Tory party adjusting to a new emphasis on social issues by reconnecting with its roots. Both attempt to deal with the challenge posed to received wisdom on Left and Right from communitarianism — the modish American creed which stresses aban-

American creed which stresses abandoned responsibilities rather than asserted rights.

Gray is altogether more impressed by communitarianism than Scruton.

Blair uses "community" in his speeches with the enthusiasm of a Keith Floyd adding wine to a casserole, providing a sophisticated flavour and disguisting the lack of beef.

Gray provides an interpretation of Gray provides an interpretation of communitarianism which he hopes could frame a Blair government's approach to policy questions as yet unresolved. Unfortunately for Labour, he proves a far better critic than

prophet.

There can be no turning back to the old style postwar, social democratic consensus. Gray points out the policy of demand management, full employment and union privileges that sustained it have been rendered redundant by the competitive power of cheap labour in states emerging from communism and by the fickleness of international rapidal.

He then turns his powerful critical tools to undermining other models fashimuble on the Left. One Nation rhetoric - now checkily appropriated by Blair - is; as depicted by Gray, also hopelessly nostalgic. He believes the stable institutions, notions of deference and noblasse oblig might have sustained it were blows away by the market-driven meritol racy of Thatcherism. He is equally dismissive of attempts to transplant foreign models here, in particular the "Rhine model" of consensual capitalism, favoured by evangelists for stakeholding such as Will Hutton.

ray also warns against imitating the capitalism of the tiger economies in the East, built on traditions and compromises alien to British society. He then feels compelled to offer his own utopia, which he calls "liberal communitarianism". The great charm of this phrase is its meaninglessness. It tanialisingly suggests a philosophy. that combines the freedoms of liberalism with the security of community, but Gray's confidence seems to desert him as he spells out what it means. It amounts to a faith in the common life. as against possessive individualism, and a relativism which retreats from proclaiming universal values. Gray suggests it is up to different commu-nities to abide by their own "norms of

But Gray's faith in the common life

does not lead him to endorse attempts to make divorce more difficult for the thousands inclined to see marriage as a convenience, not a commitment. The size of the communities which Gray believes should settle his norms of fairness is not made clear, and the difficulties when these norms collide is dodged. Gray accepts that his support for educational selection might not be automatically endorsed by every community, but he does not seem to anticipate the ugly conse-quences for liberals of communities such as the Isle of Dogs being left to set their own housing policies, or West Belfast assuming responsibility for its own policing.

The weakness in Gray's thinking is

his shunning of the absolute values which are Scruton's strength. His pamphlet is shorter than Gray's and more positive. Drawing strength from past thinkers such as Burke and Oakeshutt, he concedes some ground to the communitarians, accepting that social matters are now of greater concern to voters than the economic issues of the 1980s. However, he exposes the poverty of insight among communitarians who want social cohesion, but whose liberalism on religion and sexual choice, and whose relativism in education and culture gnaw at the ties that bind. Scruton attempts to excavate shared British values around which our society might rally. They may not convince all, but his most telling point, the impossibility of preserving the social order without absolute values and authority, resonates with force. It is an uncomfortable message, but the price of social cohesion is sacrifice. Michael Gove is the author of a biography of Michael Portillo.

More receptive

THE PICKLE in which the Royal the BBC that he replied to all and Family currently finds itself concerning mobile phones is not confined to Sandringham and the Duke of Edinburgh's call to a "horsey" woman. There are difficulties, too, at Balmoral.

The past few weeks have

The problem is poor reception. Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh aren't getting the cellular transmission to which they are accustomed. Matters came to a head recently when the Balmoral estate office reported the problem to Vodasone. "We were approached." confirms the company. We have been in contact with the Balmoral estate office."

A Vodasone van whisked up to Balmoral quicker than a royal corgi after choccy-drops and there were hopes in court circles that the problem would be solved by a transmission mast being built on the estate. Her Majesty was all for the new mast, but Vodafone's enthusiasm has cooled. "We have investigated, but have no plans to build a new mast at the moment," said a cellular person. "There would not be enough call traffic."

 Sir Christopher Bland received so many congratulatory letters on his appointment as Chairman of tery regulator who enjoyed free

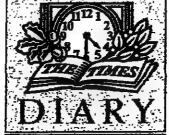
sundry with a round-robin. "I am looking forward to it with great enthusiasm." he wrote back, "tem-pered with the caution appropriate to my start date of April 1st. I believe the BBC is, though not (vet) perfect, the best broadcasting organisation in the world - so I'm very fortunate."

Unhappy hunt

MALCOLM RIFKIND is the latest victim of the inventive protesters campaigning against the Skye Bridge tolls. The canny bunch disrupted the Foreign Secretary's shooting plans at the weekend.

His mistake was to join the party of Sir Iain Noble, chairman of the Skye Bridge Company, near his home at Isle Ornsay. Getting wind of the outing, protesters set up a barrier on a humpback bridge en route to the shoot. Rifkind's party, approaching in cars, slowed and stopped. After a frantic conference, the guns reversed down a side road and sped off in search of a new hunting ground.

• Peter Davis, the National Lot-



flights from Camelot's partner GTech, might care to take advantage of a promotion dreamt up by the agency Leagas, Shafron, Davis of which his brother Mike is managing director. The advertisements in a national newspaper invite readers to "Fly now pay later".

River paradise

AFTER MORE than two-and-ahalf years, one of the most spectacular victims of the housing slump. the late Sir David Lean's palatial riverside house on Sun Wharf in London's East End, has finally been sold.

The film director had the wharf completely rebuilt in 1985, with a private cinema and an Italianate landscaped garden leading down to a mooring. The estate agent, Savills, dropped the price by more than £500,000 to £25 million last

year. They showed Sir Clive Sinclair and Sting around, and there an abode in its Wapping neigh-bourhood, was interested. The purchaser, however, is an American who runs a contact lens company. Could it be a speculative purchase?

Conservatives take their annual

winter ball very seriously, and never more so than this year, for the ball next week is in aid of "Conservative Party Marginal Seats" — of which there are a good few. Political events, however, have overtaken party-planning. Listed as a key committee member of the ball is defector Emma Nicholson. "I haven't yet resigned from it," she says breezily. "but I won't be

Rebooting

JOHN REDWOOD seems to be attracting a villainous sort. Following a break-in at the Conservative Association office in his Wokingham constituency at Christmas, when fine wines and raffle prizes were stolen, his London offices in Wilfrid Street were also pillaged on

The thief was not an art-lover. The walls of the offices are hung with modern paintings, lent by a West End gallery, but they were untouched. The intruder chose in-



Ab Fair the Olympic Committee doesn't run to authentic Fabergé

stead a computer, which stored the eggs will carry the Fabergé name articles the former Welsh Secre tary has written for various newspapers. The Bastard!

Curate's egg

THE FABERGE company has discovered a rotten egg in its nest. The ewellers, who made the Imperial Easter eggs for the Tsar at the turn of the century, is worried that 500 commemorative silver or crystal eggs offered by the Atlanta Olympic Committee may tarnish each.

Their creator, Theo Fabergé, is grandson of the late Carl, and the

also happens to coincide with an American tour of Carl Faberge's enamelled masterpieces. The curator, Geza von Hapsburg, describes Theo Faberge as "riding on his grandfather's coat-tails", and says the 75-year-old craftsman is little more than a "wood turner". The Olympic committee, however, argues that it's a storm in an eggcup. Theo's pieces, it says, are much larger than those of his ancestor. And very much cheaper, at £3,000



POLITICS OF PAY

MPs should concentrate on their job and earn more

many are overworked. That proposition may be unfashionable, but it is true. The populist vision of MPs combining a two-day week with acres of holidays, and lining their pockets for the rest of the year, is both inaccurate and out-of-date. MPs are by no means poor - but they deserve a better rate for the job.

Various arguments have been put to counter the demand, signed by around 300 MPs this week, for a substantial rise in their pay. Yesterday the poverty lobby questioned how parliamentarians could ask for more when so many of their constituents earned as little as £2.50 an hour. The charge is that MPs will not be able to understand the "real world" if they are "cocooned" from it by higher salaries. Should doctors therefore earn the same as the worst-paid of their patients, in order to be able to empathise with their problems? No, professionals are paid for their expertise, and an MP has a tougher, if less back-breaking, job than a cleaner.

Then there is the argument that MPs' pay should be determined by supply and demand: and since there is no shortage of applicants, there is no need to raise the rate. But is the demand from the right people? Eready there are worries about the calibre of MPs, and the dearth of high-flyers willing to sacrifice the rewards of a career in law, banking or journalism for the much lower

pay of the House. Moreover, the meagre parliamentary salary deters former ministers from staying on in the Commons after they have left Government. All administrations need the ballast of wisdom and experience that these people provide, particularly now that so many MPs are either on the payroll vote or aspiring to join it. True independence comes only from those who have nothing left to lose. Yet who will replace the likes of John

British parliamentarians are underpaid and Biffen. Douglas Hurd and Peter Shore after the next election?

Nor are MPs underworked. An official survey as long ago as 1983 found that they put in. on average, a 62-hour week. Since then, the burden of constituency work has increased, and few parliamentarians find themselves free at weekends. In an ideal democracy, maybe we would have the citizen legislator: the Cincinnatus who spent perhaps a decade in selfless public service and then returned to the plough. But our democracy is far from ideal, and government is too large and complex to be run by amateurs. What Britain needs is a corps of politicians who devote themselves to the job and are not distracted by the need to top up their earnings elsewhere.

Since the Nolan committee rightly recommended an end to paid advocacy, and MPs voted reluctantly to adopt its recommendations, there are now fewer opportunities for outside gain. The quid pro quo for parliamentarians concentrating on their main job should be a higher salary, comparable to professionals in other fields. This should turn a vicious spiral into a virtuous one: instead of low esteem and poor pay for MPs leading to a lower grade of aspirant politicians, we would see higher pay followed by better MPs and greater public

If the Nolan committee were asked to examine this issue, the House of Commons could undertake to abide by whatever recommendations it made, and legislate for the new salaries to come into force after the next election. Then MPs would be setting a rate as much for their successors as for themselves. What is needed now is a request from the party leaders. led by the Prime Minister, to widen Nolan's remit to include MPs' pay. Labour has agreed to support such a move. The initiative now lies with

PERES AND POLLS

Israel looks set for early elections

On board his flight to London yesterday, Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister. revealed that he was "inclined" to bring forward the date of his country's general elections. Israelis are due to vote no later than the end of October this year: they may now do so as early as the third week in May.

Peres-watching is a complex science, and in London yesterday, Mr Peres did what he could to add shades of ambiguity. His "inclinations" will be subjected to the most intense scrutiny. The more astute will conclude that he has already made his mind up in favour of early polls, and that he is — Pue to character — testing the water before taking the electoral plunge.

What are the implications, for Mr Peres. of early elections? The Israeli Prime Minister must be convinced that he will reap a richer harvest of votes by going to the electorate well before October: after all, there is little pressure on him, other than that exerted by a hunger for success, to hold elections at a date earlier than required by the constitution. The opposition Likud party is still in bitter disarray. Many ordinary Israelis blame that party's leader, Benjamin Netanyahu, for creating the atmosphere of anti-peace hysteria which led to the murder of Yitzhak Rabin in November last year.

Such blame can be ascribed only indirectly, and to do even that would be to subject the man to caricature. Mr Netanyahu may detest the Oslo accords and loathe Yassir Arafat, but his commitment to Israeli democracy cannot be questioned. Yet Mr Peres is as astute as he is idealistic. His own stock is high, while that of Mr Netanyahu could hardly be lower. An early election would be more likely to yield comfortable success for the ruling Labour coalition than one in October: those precious extra months. which would put greater distance between the elections and the memory of Mr Rabin's murder, are just what Likud needs in its present ragged state. Mr Peres is determined to deny them that prospect of recovery.

It was argued by many, in the days after Mr Rabin's death, that Mr Peres should hold snap elections. We opposed that view then, believing that Israel would derive from its trauma a new momentum for peace. To have held elections immediately would have been to squander the benefits of that momentum - quite apart from allowing a murderous fanatic, Yigal Amir, to divert the course of Arab-Israeli peace. In the days that followed Mr Rabin's death, the Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank quickened and elections were held for the first time in Palestinian territories. The peace with Mr Arafat is now virtually irreversible. And it is almost certain that Mr Netanyahu could not tear up Israel's agreements with the Palestine Liberation Organisation - even if he might want to - on winning the elections himself.

The Syrian track has proved more difficult for Mr Peres. After last month's optimism. fuelled by high-level talks in Maryland. Damascus has not yielded the concessions on the Golan question for a deal to be struck in the near future: nor has Israel acquired sufficent belief in its foe's bona fides. By inclining himself towards early elections. Mr Peres may have admitted defeat on the Syrian front - for the moment. Let us so to the polls, he may now calculate: let us win, and then think about Syria over the next four years. It is a calculation worth making: and few do their sums with greater fluency.

TIGER, TIGER, BONDING TIGHT

Even cuddling carnivores can be a civil liberty

 $a^{i,\,\bullet}$ John Aspinall, the maverick zoo owner, has won his appeal against a council ban on his keepers entering tigers' compounds. In so doing he has become an unlikely champion of civil liberties.

Mr Aspinall's two private zoos -- Port Lympne and Howletts - do not have impeccable safety records. He has already lost four keepers, and the death of Trevor Smith caused considerable concern over whether the conditions in which the animals were kept were safe for both keepers and the general public. At a time when local authorities have been vigorously criticised for failing to enforce preventive measures as, for example, in the case of children at risk - Canterbury City Council could hardly be faulted for drawing attention to such a case.

All those who sought employment in Mr Aspinall's zoos were, however, fully aware of operational policies encouraging keepers to form close bonds with tigers. Those who volunteered for such work relished the prospect of intimate contact with these magnificent, if potentially lethal, beasts. The issues at stake were less about exploitation of workers than about freedom of choice.

Mr Aspinall can afford to lay down the law in the multimillion-pound kingdoms of his creation. But those who work for him must also be allowed to choose. To risk personal safety in favour of intensity of experience is a sacrifice many welcome. Hang-gliding or motor-racing is fraught with hazard, but voluntarily and legally indulged in by thousands in their leisure time. For keepers who wished to celebrate the richness of life through a direct relationship with predatory beasts. an estimated single accident in every 80,000 contacts has not appeared too great a

A bond of trust between keeper and tiger is paramount in any successful breeding programme - an urgent consideration in the case of a species which pads the brink of extinction. It is claimed that lower stress levels among the tigers lead to more natural mating patterns and a higher survival rate of cubs. Over the last 15 years, almost 400 cubs have been born to some 30 Indian and Siberian tigers kept in Mr Aspinall's zoos an impressive record.

An immediate result of the tribunal's findings is that certain added safety mechanisms will be introduced. That is a minimum response to public concern. A document is currently being drawn up laying down stricter formal guidelines to reduce the risk of injury. A second member of staff, in radio contact with the front office. will always be on hand when a keeper enters a tiger's enclosure. All staff, including Mr Aspinall himself, will need written per-

mission before going into a pen. Within such strictures British volunteers should be allowed to practise the eccentricities for which they have long been known -even if this involves cuddling carnivores. As for whether "the tygers of wrath are wiser than the horses of instruction", we have the right to decide for ourselves.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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the politicians

From Mr Dennis Berry

Sir, In the run-up to the general election all politicians would do well to remember how low they already stand in the public esteem before they descend further by mud-slinging. The public. I feel sure, wants to hear about policy and how the various parties propose to deal with problems in education, the National Health Service, crime, unemployment and the like. We do not want petulant assertions

about the failings of the other parties, such as Michael Heseltine's current claim that Labour is "on the side of the villain", or John Major's theme about "double standards" (reports, January 29, 30). This form of electioneering insults our intelligence, is no substitute for policy and, in fact, implies the very absence of it.

After a lively performance at Ques-tion Time last week. John Major commented how much he enjoyed the hustings (reports, January 26). An ability to come up with sharp-witted soundbites and score shallow points is not sufficient, however, to run the country successfully, as we have seen. The public will be looking very closely in the coming months for politicians who put forward policies with sincerity and honesty rather than shrill pos-

Yours faithfully DENNIS BERRY. Acacia Grove, New Malden, Surrey. January 30.

From Mr R. Christopher Taylor

Sir, If, as it seems, we are to suffer a protracted election campaign, is it too much to hope that one party or other might be persuaded to demonstrate its qualifications to stand, on the basis that its policies are appropriate for a country it knows, understands and

This would make a refreshing change from the increasingly tire-some assertions of "Vote 'x', because it's better than 'v

I am weary of confrontational polities, and suggest that many voters would welcome the option to put their mark on the ballot paper in a box named "None of the above".

Yours faithfully, R. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR. The Old Farmhouse, Church Road. Branston, Lincolnshire.

From Mr Ian M. T. Sandison

Sir, At the current level of MPs' remuneration (report, January 31) there is no shortage of applicants and, as is normal in the market place, people of widely differing abilities are selected. Judging by the demeanour of MPs.

the money they are paid does not dim-inish the opinions they hold of themwny pay more: Yours faithfully, IAN M. T. SANDISON,

Platten, Kirriemuir, Angus.

From Dr David O'Reilly

Sir, Our MPs have made it clear that it is we taxpayers who are responsible for their behaviour at Westminster. It seems that we have been paying peanuts with inevitable results

I remain, your obedient servant. DAVID O'REILLY, West Suffolk Hospital, Hardwick Lane, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. January 31.

Floral tributes

From Mr Brian North Lee

late either no flowers or family flowers only (19 out of 37 today). This may indicate that the money spent on such tributes, which can be of variable quality, would be better employed in assisting a charity or worthy cause. Since, however, friends who send donations may also wish to offer a tangible token of affection at a funeral. could not a single flower or a tiny posy, whether from the florist or the garden, become an accepted alternative means of expressing love, affec-tion or respect when denied a bigger

Sir. Increasingly, death notices stipu-

Yours sincerely BRIAN NORTH LEE, 32 Barrowgate Road, Chiswick, W4. January 30.

Stamps of approval

From Mr Patrick Whitworth Sir. The President of the Institute of

floral statement?

Physics is absolutely right (letter, January 29). Electrons should be displayed on thematic stamps. The exercise could save the Royal Mail money. A stamp would need to

be less than one millimetre square to display more than a million billion of the little blighters, life size and in action. The depiction of a sub-post office in the corner would not reduce

Yours faithfully, PATRICK WHITWORTH, The Mount, Ferness. By Nairn, Highland. January 30.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Pointed advice for Results of 11-plus curriculum tests

From Mr D. C. Bruns

Sir. As a former schoolmaster for 35 years, I wonder why politicians, journalists and "educationists" are kicking up such a fuss about the results of the 11-olus curriculum tests (reports, January 26). The tests are based on what the average 11-year-old should be able to achieve. If the tests are properly constructed (and they should be by now) then we shall find about 50 per cent of the given population above the median (ie. average) and 50 per cent

If we allow a margin of error of plus or minus 5, which is normal in testing, then we find that in English and maths, 11-year-olds are performing much as we would expect.

The curriculum tests do not have a pass mark built into them: results are merely compared to a notional mean. Therefore, we cannot say that 50 per cent of pupils have "failed" the tests only that 50 per cent are below average, which is normal and inevitable.

What is of much more concern are the results for science. If 70 per cent of candidates are above the notional mean, then the tests are far too easy. The same applies to the tests at sevenplus and, perhaps, explains why the results at 11-plus are apparently less

Yours etc. D. C. BRUNS, Il Grange Park. Maghull, Merseyside. January 26.

From the Director of Education. Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools

Sir, In the argument over the significance of, and reasons for, apparent under-achievement of 11-year-olds, it might be worth reflecting on the experience of independent preparatory schools using national curricu-lum tests for 11-year-olds ("Key Stage 2") last year. Although not so required, an increasing number of prep schools are making use of these tests and this

association is keeping the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority informed of their reactions.

Most of the prep schools using the tests found them useful and found that they largely confirmed their own reachers' assessments, and most of them also reported test results higher than those reported nationally. There are, in my view, three reasons for this high achievement.

right achievement. The first is specialist teaching: prep schools employ specialist teachers to teach Key Stage 2, at which level it is virtually impossible for one teacher to teach the full range of subjects. Secondly, prep schools have smaller descriptions and the primary level there is classes: at the primary level, there is no doubt that class size does matter. And finally, prep schools and the parents who send their children to them have very high expectations.

Yours faithfully, DAVID HANSON, Director of Education, Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools, 11 Waterloo Place, Learnington Spa, Warwickshire.

From Lord Jakobavits.

Sir. Fact one: With some 170,000 divorces a year in the United Kingdom, we are now branded as "Europe's divorce capital", leading to nearly half of our children being raised in broken

Fact two: Many children aged be-tween seven and 16 now spend up to nine hours a day at weekends and four hours on school days watching television (Business Development Partnership Schools Research, 1995).

I suspect that these two facts have a far greater bearing on the low educational levels of so many schools than any of the point-scoring arguments advanced with almost ritual partisanship by our politicians on all sides.

Sincerely yours, JAKOBOVITS, House of Lords. January 30.

BBC and regions

From the Chairman of the BBC

Sir, May I correct the statement made in yesterday's letter signed by the chairmen of Voice of the Listener and Viewer, Broadcasting for Scotland and the Broadcasting Campaign for Wales that the BBC has "blocked" the creation of what they refer to as "an English Regional Forum". That is not the case.

The English National Forum, comprising the chairmen of the ten region-al advisory councils, exists precisely to put the voice of the English regions at the heart of BBC affairs. The BBC proposed it, created it and fully supports

The forum is now two years old and has made an excellent start, under the vigorous leadership of Mrs Margaret Spurr, the governor nominated to chair it. The governors and the forum have already conducted two annual reviews of the quality of BBC regional programmes in England. I am confident, not least because I have seen it at

work, that the forum will make an important contribution to the BBC and its programmes in the years ahead.

May I also assure Mr Neil Fraser, treasurer of Broadcasting for Scotland, whose letter you published alongside, that the BBC will indeed consult widely before publishing its Statement of Pledges to audiences. What we have published so far is precisely what we were asked to publish a broad outline.

Over the next three months we will conduct a thorough process of public consultation and, of course, seek the view of the three National Broadcasting Councils and the English National Forum. The governors will publish our pledges in the summer and report annually on the BBC's performance in

Yours faithfully, MARMADUKE HUSSEY,

British Broadcasting Corporation, Broadcasting House, Portland Place, W1. January 31.

From Mr Will Hutton Economic policy

From Mr James Chapman

Sir, I can only conclude from Anatole Kaletsky's comments on Will Hutt-on's The State We're In ("A spectre haunting Labour", January 23) that Mr Kaletsky and myself must have read a different book. Far from being "suffused with a hatred of capitalism Hutton accepts that capitalism is the most efficient method of allocating resources in a modern economy, but sees the Japanese or German models, with their emphasis on investment and long-term objectives, as more productive than the short-term approach

prevalent in Britain. Such a view is now being accepted across the political spectrum. Indeed Hiam Rees-Mogg, hardly a noted Labour supporter, argued on the same day against the current City practice of short-term speculation, greedy fees, and industrial restructuring by non-industrial fund managers". I thought for a moment it was a quote from Hutton.

Yours faithfully.
JAMES CHAPMAN. 186 Bradford Road. Combe Down, Bath, Avon.

Premium Bond cuts

From Mrs Caroline Clarke

Sir. Is this just another example of the Government's pettymindedness? Ap-parently it is fine for us to invest our money in lottery tickets in order to fund those areas which the Government no longer sees fit to finance: but now the small pleasure we Premium Bond holders have each month in waiting to see if the postman will deliver us "one of those letters" is to be reduced due to a drop in interest rates (reports, January 26, 27). An odd way to behave after lavish advertising campaigns in the autumn to persuade the public to invest in Premium

Perhaps bond holders should invest elsewhere, thus depriving the Government of large sums of money in its National Savings scheme.

Yours faithfully, CAROLINE CLARKE. Paul's Farm. Water Lane, Hawkhurst, Kent. Sir, Despite Anatole Kaletsky's account of The State We're In, this author does not hate capitalism -rather the book calls for its dynamism and proven wealth-generating properties to be harnessed for the common

Times readers should also know that I share his view that macroeconomic policy has been too restric-tive in Britain and mainland Europe. hence the attempts in the book to demonstrate the superiority of Keynesian economics to current orth-

As for the accuracy of its description of contemporary Britain, it seems to have passed the market test by which presumably Anarole Kaletsky sets so much store. Or is the book's unexpected success another case of market-failure - and its buyers de-luded in thinking that it paints a picture that they recognise even if he does

Yours sincerely. WILL HUTTON (Assistant Editor), The Guardian, 119 Farringdon Road, ECL. January 29.

Strangeways payouts

From Mr Richard Walduck

Sir. Should not riot compensation to prisoners (report, January 27) befrozen until any uncompensated victims of their crimes have been notified of the possible opportunity to seek

Yours faithfully, RICHARD WALDUCK, Lower Woodside, Hatfield, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Harry Jackson

Sir. I am traumatised by your Strangeways report. You will hearing from my lawyers.

Yours faithfully HARRY JACKSON, 141 Belvue Close, Northolt, Middlesex. January 27.

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Doubts on causes of global warming

From Mr Alfred Doll-Steinberg Sir, Before succumbing to panic. Dr Russell Jones (letter, January 27) should recall that, computer models notwithstanding, climatic forecasts

have a notoriously poor record. The world also grew warmer in the period 1890-1940, when, had anyone thought of measuring them, "over half the Antarctic ice sheets" probably also disintegrated. Yet over the following 20 years from 1940 to 1960 temperatures dropped enough to provoke pre-dictions of an impending ice age. Probably in this period the ice sheets were

A sense of proportion is helpful. According to *The Economist* (December 23, 1995) all man's activities generate 10 trillion watts of energy; the Sun provides us with 175,000 trillion watts. And plants absorb 200 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide (the principal

"greenhouse" gas) per year. It is rather hard to believe therefore that mankind's puny efforts really are capable of having the dire effect on the global eco-system that the doomsters

Yours faithfully, ALFRED DOLL-STEINBERG, 18 Holly Walk, NW3. January 27.

From Mr John C. Trenchard ...

Sir, Many "experts" appear to regard any global warming that may be taking place as exclusively the result

of mankind's activities. How came it about. I wonder that by some 10,000 years ago the glacia-tion of the last ice age (or, according to some, the last glacial period of the pre-sent ice age) had melted; and how, according to sediment cores from Loch Ness (Science briefing, January 2, 1995), some 5,000 years ago Northern Scotland had a Mediterranean climate; in both cases assuredly without any interference by the human race.

Yours faithfully, JOHN C. TRENCHARD, Swanpool, Falmouth, Cornwall.

Fire at La Fenice

January 27.

From Mr Michael Davies Sir. Anybody who knows Venice will know what a loss the fire at La Fenice will make to that city (reports, January 31). Anybody who loves opera will understand La Fenice's relevance to

the Italian operatic legacy.

I am heartened, though, by reports that there are already plans to rebuild it at a cost of £200 million. This could get 22 opera houses for the Cardiff Bay Opera House Trust.

Yours sincerely. MICHAEL DAVIES. 59 Drayton Gardens, SW10. January 31.

Gluts and shortages

From Mr Tony Weston

Sir, The complaint of your correspondent, Mr Alan Coustan Getter. January 29), about the surfeit of estate agents and lack of a greengrocer in his community, prompts me to suggest a combination of the two trades. The advantages are obvious: many more visitors to the shop, browsers and buyers, and a much healthier cashflow.

There are precedents. My copy of Sketchley's Bristol Directory of 1775 lists, inter alia, a Mr James Bazley, "glover, undertaker, hosier, orange merchant and parchment maker". I then find a Mr David Cherry, "auctioneer and cabinet maker": Mr Arthur Palmer, "woollen draper and lot-tery office keeper"; Mr John Rich. "hosier and tea dealer": James Parsley, "barber surgeon and publican"; and, oh delight of delights, William Lewis, "gingerbread baker and toy-

maker" How much more interesting shopping could become.

Yours faithfully. TONY WESTON. The Old Garden, Lower Langford, Nr Wrington, Somerset. January 29.

Lottery winners

From Mr Peter Gordon. Sir. I suspect that organising the holiday rota in the London Borough of Camden's homeless persons unit will be more than usually difficult this

year (report, January 30). Yours faithfully, PETER GORDON, 62a Christchurch Road, Bournemouth, Hampshire.

Choice items

January 30.

From Mr Ralph Thorpe Sir. Your "Film choice" for Friday, January 25 (Vision, January 20), included the following in the recommendation: ... obscenity ... whores, drug addicts, pimps, pushers, teenage rapists and winos ... prostitute ... mugged and robbed ... transvestite lusting ... the sordid landscape .

On the basis of what criteria is the

"choice" made? Yours faithfully. RALPH THORPE, Duriston Cottage: The Downs, Swanage, Dorse





COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM. NORFOLK By Command of The Queen, the Viscount Long (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport. London, this afternoon upon the Departure of The President of the Illivial Marians States and Scatter an United Mexican States and Señora

United Mexican States and Señora Zedillo and hade farewell to His Excellency and Señora Zedillo on behalf of Her Majesty.

By Command of The Queen, Vice Admiral Sir James Weatherall (Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps) called upon His Excellency Mr Babouram Mahadoo at 32 Elvaston Place. London SW7, this afternoon in order to bid farewell to His Excellency upon relinquishing his appointment as elinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for the Republic Mauritius in London.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE January 31: The Prince Edward, Patron, this evening attended a Reception followed by a Revue by the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain at the Barbican Centre, London EC2.

January 3]: The Princess Royal this morning attended a briefing by the Governor at the Secretariat for Falk-

Her Royal Highness afterwardvisited King Edward Memorial Hospital and Christ Church Catheoral.

The Princess Royal later departed
Stanley Airport for San Carlos and
visited the British Military Cemerery
and Blue Beach Lodge where Her
Royal Highness attended a Smoko
with residents from San Carlos and
surrounding farms.

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The Princess Royal this afternoon visited Goose Green and the Battle-field and Memorial to Lieutenant Colonel H. Jones, followed by Lun-cheon at Goose Green Community Centre with East Falkland residents. Her Royal Highness afterwards leparted Goose Green for Sea Lion Lodge, Sea Livn Island.

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January 31: The Prince of Wales inday
visited Dudley and was received by
Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of
West Midlands (Mr Robert Taylor).
His Royal Highness visited Dudley
Outdoor Market, the Market Place,
Night Street, this complete.

High Street, this marning. The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust Volunteers, afterwards visited St Thomas's Network. Beechwood Road, Rates Hill, and metrepresentatives of local community organisations and young people taking part in the Volunteers Programme.

Today's royal

engagements

Christening

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of

the British Lung Foundation, will attend a gala performance of La Bohème at the Albert Hall at 7.10.

The Duke of Kent, as president, will attend the Engineering Council's unification launch dinner at the Institution of Civil Engineers at

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Pattie was christened

Lucia Grace by the Rev Gerald

Evans, in the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft, Palace of West-

minster, on Saturday, January 21,

1996. The godparents are Miss Branwyn Edwards, Mrs Megan

Frost and Mr Rupert Marks.

Lieutenancy of

South Yorkshire

The following have been appointed

as Deputy Lieutenants for South

Sir John Michael Carlisle, Mrs

Julia Guest, JP, Mrs Sarah Eliza-

beth Lee, JP, Mrs Kothryn Eliza-

Mr Ami Feder has been elected as the new Head of Chambers in

succession to Mr Kenneth Wheeler

Lamb Building,

who continues in practice.

under beaven. Job 28 ; 23, 24 (REB)

BIRTHS

Temple, EC4

beth Riddle, JP.

House Lane, Brierley Hull.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Youth Business Trust, later visited Dudley Training and Enterprise Council, Waterfront East, Brierley Hill, and met young entrepreneurs from the Dudley area who have been helped by the Trust. KENSINGTON PALACE
January 31: The Duke of Gloucester.
President. East Midlands Tourist
Board. this morning received Mr
Rodney Callow on relinquishing the
appointment of Head of
Administration.

His Royal Highness, President. The Prince's Trust, this afternoon

visited the Study Support Centre, Pensnett School of Technology, Tiled House Lane, Brierley Hill.

Administration.

The Duchess of Gloucester this murning received Mr William Webb on relinquishing the appointment of Artistic Director of London College of Music, Thames Valley University. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

January 31: Princess Alexandra, President, today visited the Royal Star and Garter Home for Disabled Star and Garler Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen, Rich-mond, Surrey.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon received Mrs M.M. Arnold (Chair-man) and the National Officers of the Royal British Legion Women's Sec-tion, and was presented with the

Gold Badge and Life Membership of

Princess Alexandra, Patron of the Richmond Fellowship, subsequently received Mr Peter Kinimmonth upon retiring as Chairman and Mr Timothy Moore on assuming this

appointment.

Her Royal Highness this evening unended a Piano Recital in aid of the Commonwealth Society for the Deaf at Marlborough House, London 45m and on the 29th at 17h 35m while sunrise is at 07h

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Mr Michael Peat Keeper of the Privy Purse. Treasurer and Receiver-General of the Duchy of laneaster from August 1, 1996, following the retirement of Major Sir Shane Blewin on July 31, 1996, and to appoint Mr John Tiltman as Director of Property Services from August 1, 40m and 06h 50m on the same dates. Property Services from August 1,

of Property services to the process of the Queen has been graciously pleased, on the resignation of Lieutenant Colonel Brian Lockhart, to appoint Major Jerseny Warren to be one of Her Majersty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentleman at Arms. to fade and another five hours

Queen Charlotte's

The joint Presidents of the Queen Charlotte's Birthday Ball and Spe-cial Trustees of Queen Charlotte's

Hospital announce that the Count-ess of St Andrews has agreed to be the Chairman of the Birthday Ball

Committee for 1996. The Birthday Ball will be held on Monday,

September 16, at Grosvenor House

Francis Holland School (Graham Terrace)
The biennial Old Girls' Party for

this year on Thursday, February 29, from 6,00pm at the school, Any

Old Girl who has not received an invitation is asked to get in touch with the school to make sure the

register is accurate. RSVP Francis Holland School, 39 Graham Ter-

race, London SWIW &JF. Tel: 0171

British Safety Council
Mr James Tye, Director General of
the British Safety Council, was the
host yesterday at a reception held at
Armourers' Hall for the Five Star

Actuaries' Company

Mr C.W.F. Low, Master of the Actuaries Company, has presented Mr R. Farrington and Miss S.L. Dixon with prizes for their perfor-mance in the 1995 Institute of Ac-tuaries Examinations.

School news

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Reception

Birthday Ball

The night sky in February

By MICHAEL J. HENDRIE ASTRONOMY CORRESPONDENT

MERCURY is a morning star reaching greatest western elongation (26 degrees) on the 11th but it rises little more than an hour before the Sun and will not be observable.

Venus is a brilliant evening star of -4.1 magnitude, not setting until 21h 30m by the end of the month. Crescent Moon nearby on the 21st and 22nd. Saturn will be just to the south on the 2nd and 3rd.

Mars is still in the evening sky but too close to the Sun to

Jupiter is a -1.9 magnitude morning star in Sagittarius, rising soon after 04h by the end of the month. Waning crescent Moon to the north on Saturn is in Aquarius and

1.2 magnitude, setting only an hour after the Sun by the 29th. Moon 4 degrees north on the 20th. The Earth passes through the plane of Saturn's rings for the third and last time in the present series on the 11th and for the next 14 years the southern face of the rings will be inclined towards

Uranus is in Capricornus but is in morning twilight. Neptune is to the west of Uranus but in Sagittarius and is also in twilight.

Moon: full Moon, 4d 16h: last quarter, 12d 09h; new Moon, 18d 23h; first quarter, 26d 06h. Sunset on the 1st is at 16h

Astronomical twilight ends at 18h 45m and 19h 30m earty and late in the month and

begins again at 05h 45m and 04h.55m. Algol, the edipsing variable star in Perseus, fades from 21 to 3.4 magnitude every 69 hours taking about five hours

Memorial meeting

A memorial meeting for worship to give thanks for the life of Sir Edmund (Ted) Happold, engineer, was held yesterday at the Priends House, Euston Road, NWI, Mr.

Marthew Happoold, son, Mr lan

Liddell, Professor Frei Otto, Mr

Hugh Johnson, Mr Derek Walker, Mrs Jill Loveless, Professor Bryan

Harris, Mr Terence Ealey and other triends paid tribute. Lady Happold (widow). Mr Thomas Happold (son) and other

nembers of the family were joined

by friends and colleagues from the architectural, design and engineer-

ing professions, the construction industry and the academic world.

Ronald Desmond

A celebration of the life and work

of Ronald Desmond Campbell, MBE, DFC, AFC, FRAS, MBAC,

will be held on Friday, March 22, 1996, at moon in St Clement Danes,

Central Church of The Royal Air

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Major General Eric Mackay, CBE, will be held in the Royal Garrison Church, Farnborough Road, Aldershot, at Ilam on Tuesday. March 10 1004. These

on Tuesday, March 19, 1996. Those

attending are asked to be seated by 10.45am. Enquiries to: Corps Sec-

retary Royal Engineers on 01634 822298.

Force, Strand, London, WCZ.

Major General

E.M. Mackay

Campbell

Sir Edmund Happoid

Birthdays today

to regain normal brightness. it can be seen when faint this month about the following times: id 01h, 3d 22h, 23d 23h and 26d 20h.

As the notes below the monthly charts indicate, they are drawn for the latitude of London to show those stars above the horizon at 23h (or Ilpm) Greenwich Mean Time on the first of the month. When British Summer Time is in force, usually from late March to late October, it is one hour ahead of GMT so that 23h GMT is 0h or midnight

It might be thought advantageous to vary the time of the chart with the season so that in January, for example, it could show the stars for an earlier and perhaps more convenient time in the evening, say 19h or 7pm. There are however special advan-

Mrs Jennifer Adams, superintendent, Central Royal Parks, 48; Miss Kate Ashbrook, general secretary. Open Spaces Society, 41; Dr C.A. Barnett, Headmaster, Whitgift School, Croydon, 43; Dr G.H. Blake, Principal, Collingwood College, Durham University, 60; Sir Kenneth Bond, former vice-chairman, GEC, 76; Major H. Stanley Cayaer, 86; Mrs Ruth Clarke, former Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church, 61; Sir Peter Crill, former Baififf of Jersey, 71; Mrs

Netormed Church, 6ti Str Peter Crut.
former Bailiff of Jersey, 7t; Mrs
Josoeline Dimbleby, cookery writer,
53: Professor Sir Sam Edwards,
physicist, 68; Mrs Virginia Elliet,
three-day eventer, 4t; the Very Rev Dr
Eric Evans, Dean of St Paul's, 68; Mr
Don Everly, singer, 59; Sir Douglas

Protectorate, 87: Six Gordon Hobday.

Protectorate, SI; Sir Gordon Hobday, former Lord Lieusenant of Not-tinghamsbire, 80; Mr Adam Ingram. MP. 40; Professor Douglas Johnson, historian, 71; Sir Maurice Laing, life president, John Laing, 78; Lord Moumewans, 53; Sir John Non, former MP. 64; Professor Sir Mark Richmond, former chairman, Science and Engineering Research Council, 65; Mr Peter Sallis, actor, 75; Mr Andrew Smith, MP. 45; Dame Muriel Spark, writer, 78; Sir Peter Tapsell, MP. 66; Miss Renata Tehaldi, soprano, 74; Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Walmsley, 55; Mr Boris Yeltsin, President of the Russian Federation, 65.

Federation, 65.

Appointments

Mr Glenn Thompson to be director of the Northern Ireland Court Service from tuday, in succession to Mr Eddie Sampson who is retiring.

Mr R.H. Jones to be a member of the Council on Tribunals for a further three years from today.

tages in keeping to the same time for each chart and, so that it will be dark in the summer months, it has to be late in the evening.

As the Earth moves round the Sun, the Sun's direction in relation to the stars, as seen from the Earth, changes too. Although daylight prevents us from seeing the stars near the Sun, we always know exactly where the Sun is in relation to the stars. It moves right round the ecliptic through the zodiacal constellations to be back amongst the same stars after a

As there are 360 degrees in a circle and 365 days in a year the Sun moves eastwards by about a degree per day. It takes the Earth four minutes to turn through one degree, derived by dividing 1,440 (the number of minutes in 24 hours) by 360. The net effect of

Sir Stanley Matthews, the

footballer, is 81 today

Mr Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, was the host at a

luncheon given by Her Majesty's

Government yesterday at Lan-caster House in honour of Mr Aleksei Bolshakov, Depuny Prime

Minister of the Russian Federa-

Carlton Club Political Committee

Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, Sec-

retary of State for Northern Ire-

land, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Political Committee of the Carlton

Club held yesterday at the club. Sir Brian Goswell, chairman, pre-sided, Sir Michael Latham also

Luncheons

HM Government

the Sun's daily eastward movement is that the stars rise and set four minutes earlier each day, or two hours earlier each month. After 12 months they are rising just 24 hours earlier, or at the same sme as on the same date in the previous year. By using the same time for each chart, this monthly progression is clearly shown, all twelve chairs being turned through 30 degrees to show the new stars that have appeared in the east during the month, those that are now due south and those that have moved close to the western horizon.

A monthly chart shows the

stars visible at 23h, 22h and 2th at the start, middle and end of each month respectively. It also shows the stars (but not the Moon or planets) visible in other months. For example, the February aspect at 23h is the same as that for 21hou ist March, or 0th on the 1st January. In this way the 12 charts cover all the hours of darkness throughout the year. If on the other hand we were

to draw the September chart for 21h and the October chart for 19h (to-reflect the darker evenings), they would be exactly the same chart (in fact the one we use now for 23h in August) so far as the positions of the stars are concerned. One would end up with only eight or nine different charts, some months being the same, and the gradual progression of the constellations westwards with the seasons would no longer be dearly shown.

In autumn the same stars can be seen for several months as their earlier setting is offset by the darker evenings, but in late winter and spring, it is getting dark later and this speeds up the disappearance of the winter constellations. While Arcturus may be seen in the west from August to November, Orion, so conspicuous in February, is lost in twilight during April.

Anniversaries

and politician, Mileham, Norfolk, 1552; John Philip Kemble, actor-manager. Prescot. Lancashire, 1757; Dame Clara Butt. contraho. Southwick, Sussex, 1873; Louis St Laurent, Prime Minister of Canada 1946-57, Compton, Quebec, 1882; John Ford, film director, Cape Elizabeth, Maine, 1895; Stephen Poster, humorist, 1900; Clark Gable, actor, Cadiz, Ohio, 1901;

DEATHS: René Descartes, philosopher, Stockholm, 1650; Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, novelist, London, 1851; Matthew Maury,

opened, 1910. The Pompidou Centre in Paris, igned by Richard Rogers and Renzo Piano, was opened, 1977.

University news

BIRTHS: Sir Edward Coke, jurist

nyungrapher, Leangur, Virginia, 1873: George Crulkshank, caricabirist, London, 1878: Piet Mondrian, painter, New York, 1944; Buster Keaton, silent film camedian, Woodland Hills, California, 1966.

The US Supreme Court met for the first time, 1790. The first volume of the Oxford English Dictionary was published,

The first British labour exchanges The Soviet Union was formally recognised by Britain, 1924.

Bernard Wasserstein, Professor of Hebrew at Brandeis University, Massachusetts, to be President of the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and

Jewish Studies from May I.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.M.J. Austin and Miss S.M. Sarjeant

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Sir Anthony Austin. Stanbury Manor, Morwenstow, Comwall. and of Mrs M. Renz, Schomberg, Ontario, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Sarjeani, 40 Rochester Avenue, Toronto. Mr J.E. Ball

and Miss C.I. Taylor
The engagement is announced
between Jonathan, only son of Mr
and Mrs Christopher Ball, of Hele. Somerset, and Claire only daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Taylor of Merrow, Surrey. Mr C.D. Bonham Carter and Miss K.J. Dawsay

the engagement is amnounced between Crispin, sho of Mr and Mrs Peter Bonham Carter, of Course, Perthibing and Kete; elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Dawnay, of Ragny

Mr J.M.S. Cane and Miss H.M. Childers The engagement is announced between Julian, son of the late

Colin Cane and of Renella Whinney, of Reigare, Surrey, and Helen Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs. Hugh Childers, of Gaberone, Botswana. Mr C.M. Cane and Mrs S.M.R. Madigan

The engagement is announced between Christopher Michael Carm and Sarah Mary Rowan Madigan, both of Shaftesbury, Dorset. The marriage will take place in Scotland in April. Mr W.B. Carleton Paget and Miss F.V.M. Maynard

The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr John Carleton Paget and Mrs Sheila Carleton Paget, and Fiona, eldest daughter of the late Mr Adrian Maynard and of Mrs Maynard, of Wolverton, Hampshire. Mr A.L Cooper

Mr A.J. Cooper and Miss L.M. Kesyon The engagement is announced between Adrian, son of Professor and Mrs. Malcolm Cooper, and Lucy, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Kenyon, all of Kenil-wirth Warnickthim worth. Warwickshire.

Mr LE Day and Miss H.S. Church The engagement is announced between James Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Keith Day, of Abu Dhabi. and Henrietta Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Church of Winchester, Hampshire

or N.M. Hesstridge and Dr.C.E. Malone The engagement is announced between Mark, son of the Rev E.J. and Mrs Henstridge, of Elstend Surrey, and Catherine, daughter o

Mr G.E. Malone and Mrs O.

Malone. Mr P. im Thurn Mr P. in Thurn
and Miss S. Randle
The engagement is announced
between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs
Richard im Thurn, of Hurlingham,
and Sylvie, youngest daughter of
Mr and Mrs Steven Randle, of
Whitley Bay.

Mr R.N.M. Darling Cand Miss N.M. Waters The engagement is announced between Rory, second son of Mr and Mrs Terence Darling, of Cuckfield, West Sussex, and Nichola, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Waters, of Cheltenham. Gloucestershire, and Caracas, Venezuela.

Mr T.M. Grace and Miss L.J. Walker

The engagement is announced between Matthew, middle son of Professor Roger Grace and Mrs Alwyn Grace, of Ouken, Stafford-shire, and Lisa, only daughter of Captain Jerry Walker, Merchant Navy, of Hull, and Mrs Christine Walker, of Beverley, Yorkshire. Mr D.G. Hignett

and Miss C.A. Breed The engagement is announced between David Garth, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs DJ. Hignest, of Kegworth, Derbyshire, and Carole Ann, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs. F. Breed, of Broadsands,

Mr W.J. Marrison

and Miss C.E. White The engagement is announced between William, eldest son of Mr-and Mrs John Morrison, of Appleby Magna, Leicestershire, and Caroline, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs John White, of Broomfield, Somerset. Mr W.D. Stovin

and Miss S.A. Myers The engagement is announced between William; son of Mr and Mrs Philip Stovin, of Stock, Esser, and Sophie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Myers, r Turville, Oxfordshire Mr C.D. Strickland

and Miss F.D. Brazier
The engagement is announce
between Clive, son of Mr and Mr
Michael Strickland, of Billerica

Essex, and Fional daughter of N Christopher Brazier, of Frankton Warwickshire, and Mrs Doroth Alder, of Billericay, Essex. Mr M. Swallow and Miss J.M. Newson

The engagement is announce between Mark, son of Mr and Mr Michael Swallow, of Corbridge Northumberland, and Jeans Marie, daughter of His Honou-Judge Cyril Newman, QC, an Mrs Newman, of Oriestone, Ken Major General M.T. Tennant and Mrs D. Parish Mike Termant and Jackie Paris. are delighted to announce the they are to be married in June.

Marriage

Mr R. Fox and Miss F. Goliar

The marriage took place on Jam ary 31, at Kensington and Chelse Register Office, between Mr Rob ert Fox, son of the late Mr Robi Fox, and of Mrs Angela Fox, a Cucking Sussex, and Miss From Golfar, only daughter of the la-Mr John Golfar and of Mrs Joa Golfar, of Chelsea, London. A reception was Mosimanns Club.

Dinners

HM Government
Mr Michael Portillo, Secretary of
State for Defence, was the host last
right at a dinner given by Her
Majesty's Government at the Royal
Hospital Chelsea to mark the retirement of Field-Marshal Sir Richard vincent of risio-marsial sir Richard Vincent as Chairman of the Nato Military Committee. Lady Vincent and members of the Defence Council were also present.

Seientific Instrument Makers' Company Mr Bill Goldfinch, Deputy Master of

the Scientific Instrument Makers' Company, jointly presented Dr Ken. Lipton of Lumonics and Professor Denis Hali of Heriot-Watt University with the company's 1995 Scientific leasurement Makers' Achievement lastrument Makers' Achievement Award at the ammal award dimerheld last night at Scientific Instrument Makers' Hall. Mr David Wallis, Master, presided at the dimer and presented the SIM award for the best student on the 1995 MSC transit of the last student on the 1995 MSC transit. course in Industrial Measurement Systems at Brunel University to Mr

L.H. Wiegers. Sir Geoffrey Owen was the principal speaker and Sir IV Cohen, Junior Warden, also spoke:

Royal Society
Dance Anne McLaren, FRS, Foreig
Secretary and Vice-President of th
Royal Society, was the host at
reception and dinner held yesterds at 6 Carlton House Terrace in homou of Mr Eldar Salayev, President of th Azerbaijan Academy of Sciences.

Archaijan Academy of Sciences.
Bristol University Air Squadron
Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Stear
Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Allier
Forces Central Europe, was the gues
of honour at the annual dinner o
Bristol University Air Squadron he
tost night at Asimphur Barracks
Colerne. Squadron Leader J.C.A
Fraser, Commanding Officer, pre
sided Among others present were:
The Air Officer Commanding and
Commandant RAF College Cran
well, the Air Officer Commanding
and Commendant Air Cadets, the
vice-Chancellor of Bath University
the Vice-Chancellor of Bristol, and
the Pro Vice-Chancellor of Bristol
University.

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GLEAVE - On January 13th, to Anna (née Mulbern) and Mark. a sob. Robert, a brother for Grace and Edmand. HALL-THOMPSON - OR

January 22nd at Cheisen and Westminster Hospital. To Jennifer (nee Allihone) and Charles, a ron. Hestry. KELLY - On January 23th at The Portland Hospital, to Michael and Noeline, a beautiful son, Maximilian Arthur Cedric, a brother for country of the second of the country of the second of the portland Hospital to Sugar and Richard, & precious daughbr, Madeline

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MACAUSLAN - On 28th

January, to Katle (née

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O'REBAN - Cn January 9th at The Royal Berkshire Hospital to Resementy (née Dietz) and Stephen a son.
William Lewis.
BOSS - Cn January Stn., to Emily (née Cleave) and Philip, a dampiter. Isobel, a sister for Bezedict and Course.

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WAKEFORD - On 16th January, to Belinda (née Stannage) and Mark, a Guighter, Lucy Gourghia.

WALKER - To Augus and Surgh (née Westberald), a daughter. Jernima Jane, born 25th Jesuny 1996, a nister for Barnaby. WELLS - On January 26th at the Princess Boyal Hospital, Haywards Heath, to Espite (nie Hamilton) and Travor, a daughter, Azma Elizabeth

MARRIAGES MITCHELL:DAVEY - On Setunday 27th January 1996 at Digiston Kirk between Mr Roger William Mitchell and

DEATHS

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FRITZ - Professor living Bandes Fritz, at home in Grankdester, Cambridge on January 30th, of cancer calmiy faced and notily endured. Greatly loved implement of Augeta and a beloved paterfamilian. A celebration of his life and work will take place in celebration of his life and work will take place in Cambridge on Sunday, February 28th. No flowers please, but if wished, dominion new he made to the hving Fritz Schelarship Treast for young scientists and clinicians in cancer restarch c/o The Bahraham Institute. Bahraham, Cambridge CB2 AAT.

GALSWORTHY On January 29th. Muriel (Tital) peocefully after a short filipses, aged 93 years. Belowed cousin and sister-triaw of yveits, devoted annot to Jacolyn and John. Bequiem Mass at \$2 George's Church. Borcham Road. Warminster. Witshire on Thusday, February 5th at 12 noon. Cut flowers from the country of the Church on Wadnesday, February 7th. No Wrenths, please. All senguires to F. Cruts & Son. Funeral Directors. Tel. (01985) 212033.

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ELES - On 20th January at Chipsenham Community Hospital after a long Blass havely borne, Paneth Mary (nie Easton), Widow of Norman Bes, Funeral Service at 12 toom on Tousday 62. February at Kington Langier Church, Enquiries to F.W., Jones and Son F.D. Chippenham (01249) 662525.

JEFFREE - On 29th James perceivily in a Worthing mursing boose. John Carlo Liversidge, much loved brother of Princise. Funeral Service 12 stons on Princy Sh February at St Marry's R.G. Church followed by committed at Worthing Crematorism. Family flowers unly by request, but donations it desired can be sent to the imperial Canoer Research Fund C/o H.D. Tribe Lat., 350 Broadwatz Road. Worthing, pt. (01903) 234516.

KIMMINS - Dountd on layuary 30th peacehilly at home, much loved by his family. A Service of Celebration at Amberley Hoty Trinity Church. Geoconomiche, at 2 th on Saturday Fabruary 3rd. Family stowers only, densions in lieu only, densions in lieu for The British Rad Cross may be sent to Fred Servens. Funnal Director. Newmarket Road, butterney LANG - On Jahuary 28th 1996, Juan Ling, side of Peggy Almaham, who will min her very stuck. Funcasi Service as Wooling St. Johns.) Crematorium on Tuesday February 6th at 1 pm.

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1998 - On Jemusty 30th at home Gladys Nancy, beloved wife of Erian and dear mother of Judy. Funeral Service & St. Landmace. East Hapfres. at 11 am on Friday February 2nd with bottal at Position-Le-Fyide New Cessetety at 11 am on February 3rd. Family Soven only but it desired donastons to Marie Curie Caper Care, 28 Beignare Square, London SW1X SQG.

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LONGHURET - On Soth January 1996, peacefully at Oak Ludge Nursing House, Chard. Marvyn Lyster Longhust, CRE., and 88 years. Betweet husband of Rowets (Nins), father or Diana and grandfather of Andrew, Funcal Service to the piece on Montay in February 1996 at 8t Thouser Chuech, Cricket & Thouse, Chard, Sensessel at 2.50 ym. Fashily Howers only, Dunstions it desired to animal charity of your choice co A.J. Waledy & Suns. 48 Holytood Street, Chard, is: (01460) 57900.

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WATERMAN - On 29th Justiney et No. 10, Linden Road. Romesy. Hants. Watty for 80 years very dear friend of all the Johnson

WHLCOX - Even H.O.A. aged. 92 on 25th Junuary, Funeral to be held at Folty Trially Church, Hertford Heeth, on Monday 6th February at 11am. Frankly Rowers only. Pagest

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OBITUARIES

Jerry Siegel, creator of Superman, died on January 28 aged \$1. He was born on October

17, 1914:

JERRY SIEGEL was the creator of Superman, that quintessentially all-American superhero. The only member of his doomed race to survive the destruction of the planet Krypton, Superman possessed divine powers. He could arrest the orbit of the Earth with one hand, bounce bullets off his chest and leapfrog buildings with a single bound. He was capable of shrugging off an army of monsters, dinosaurs and robots as though they

were tiny insects.

Unlike more morally complex superheroes, Superman only ever deployed his talents to do good - to save the life of a child falling from a window, for instance, or to stop muggers in their ghastly crimes. He lived his daily life in the guise of his after ego Clark Kent, the nerdish, bespectacled reporter of the Daily Planel. But as Superman, flying past skyscrapers with the speed of a bullet. he was resplendent in a skintight blue bodysuit and red cape.

Superman's popularity came to eclipse that of every other superhero in the comic book genre, and he showed great resilience to the whims of fashion. Partly, this was because he moved with the times - in the 1980s and 1990s, for example, he displayed narked "new man" tendencies. But his exploits also translated well into television and cinema, which took over from comic books as the main source of children's entertainment in the 1950s.

Despite the phenomenal success of his brainchild. Siegel made very little money out of Superman. The story of how he and his friend Joe Shuster, the artist who put Siegel's ideas down on paper, had created the comic book hero, and then sold their creation to Action Comics in 1938 for a derisory sum has become a cautionary tale among all cartoonists.

Jerry Siegel was a native of Cleveland, Ohio. He was educated at Glenville High School, where he showed a talent for writing and a love of science fiction. There he met Joe Shuster, an artistic boy, with whom he collaborated on a number of comic strip ideas for the school magazine. The Glenville Torch. After they had left school. Siegel and Shuster turned professional.

This was in the early 1930s, the start of the Golden Age of comics, when superheroes like Doc Savage and G-8-were making tidy profits for comic hook publishers. Siegel originally

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JERRY SIEGEL



toyed with the idea of a Superman who was a bald, mad scientist. Then one sleepless night in 1934 he had a vision of the entire Superman legend, beginning with his birth to Jor-El II and Lara Lor-Van on the planet Krypton; his subsequent descent to Earth in a rocket and adoption by a farming couple, the Clarks of Smallville; his decision to devote his superhuman powers to assist humanity; and the triangular relationship of Kent, Superman and Lois Lane. Siegel was considering, at the time, becoming a journalist. For this reason he decided to make Clark Kent a reporter on the Daily Planet: Metropolis, so that he would be among the first to learn of crimes and disasters.
In fact, there was a large element of

wish-fulfilment about Superman as far as Siegel was concerned. He was not unlike Clark Kent himself, bookish and bespectacled, and he dreamt of becoming attractive to women by the doing of daring and heroic deeds. Siegel and Shuster took the first

Superman strips to New York but they were turned down by various publishers. Too fantastic for our readers," was the consensus. They made a living by selling other ideas. Then in 1938 they heard that a new comic book was in the pipeline and submitted the idea of Superman to its editors again. This time it was accepted. Action Comics, a subsidiary of DC comies, was launched in hime 1938, with a front cover depicting Superman throwing a villain's car over his head. Seigel and Shuster were paid \$130 between them for the rights of Superman, and were then paid strictly as freelance contributors:

Under DC's control, Superman became an instant success, and not only in comic book form. Between 1941 and



Jerry Siegel, left, and the first edition of Action Comics

1943 there were 17 animated cartoons - probably the finest adventure cartoons ever produced. Kirk Alyn became the first screen Superman in 1948, and there was a six-year television series with George Reeves in the 1950s. Christopher Reeve starred in a lavish film version in 1978. Rare copies of the first issue, which had originally cost ten cents, were now changing hands for astronomical sums.

But Siegel and Shuster had seen none of the money. They had worked on more episodes of Superman in the early 1940s but by 1947, staggered at the sums DC was making from Superman, they brought a suit against their publishers to share in the profits. They lost but continued to bring more suits, spending the next thirty years in litigation. Eventually Shuster was forced to take work as a messenger in

Manhattan, and Siegel as a mail clerk in Los Angeles.

Their sorry plight was brought to light by the National Carroonists Society in 1975, when news broke that Warner had paid \$312 million for the rights to a new Superman film. Neither had earned a penny from Superman since the late 1940s, An outof-court settlement was then reached. and the two were promised \$20,000 a year each for life. The experience had been a bitter one for both men, and years later Siegel said that just the sight of a Superman comic book made him almost physically ill.

Shuster moved to Los Angeles later and lived only a few blocks from Siegel. He died in 1992. Siegel is survived by his wife Joanne, their daughter, and a son by a previous marriage.

ERIC COUSINS

Eric Cousins, former racehorse trainer, died while swimming on holiday in Barbados on January 25 aged 74. He was born on December 12, 1921.

ON THE Turf handicaps are meant to give every horse in a race an equal chance of winning. Nevertheless, in the 1960s, when Eric Cousins had a runner, it did not work out quite like that.

On his gallops at Tarporley. Cheshire. Cousins had a magical skill in preparing and improving horses for big handicap events as well as the patience, sometimes over months, to make sure they were ready for one day and one day alone. And invariably the trainer and his owners were rewarded not only with prize money but also from the bookmakers' satchels. Judged in this light. Cousins can be ranked with such trainers as Any" Persse, Cecil Boyd-Rochfort and Ryan Price as among the shrewdest of his profession this century.

His outstanding leat was undoubtedly his success in four seasons in a row at Kempton Park in the Great Jubilee Handicap, with Chalk Stream (1961). Water Skier (1962-63) and Commander-In-Chief (who had captured the Cambridgeshire the previous year) in 1964. But Chalk Stream had a significance beyond the "Jubilee" alone. The gelding had been bought in 1960, won the Liverpool Autumn Cup (backed significantly from 100-8 to 9-1), and marked the introduction of Robert Sangster, the present owner and bloodstock dealer. to what became a remarkable racing career. Thereafter Cousins trained many winners for Sangster and they remained lifelong friends.

Eric Cousins came from a farming background in Lancashire. During the war he served with the RAF as a fighter pilot and reached the rank of flight lieutenant. In 1950, graduating from the

Major-General Ashton

Wade, CB. OBE, MC.

Royal Corps of Signals.

97. He was born on

March 13, 1898.

Russia as a signals officer with

the British military mission to

Denikin's anti-Bolshevik Rus-

sian Army in the Ukraine.

After his return to England

he took a degree in mechanical

sciences at Clare College, Cambridge. While he was there, the Royal Corps of

Signals was formed; a founder

member, he influenced its



hunning field, he became an amateur rider under National Hunt Rules. Between then and 1957 he rode 50 winners, no fewer than eight of these successes being on that lively veteran and favourite of the crowds, Creggmore Boy, who, owned and trained by the Cousins family, was not retired from racing until the astonishing age of 22.

Cousins, meanwhile, had in 1954 taken out a full licence to train both on the flat and over jumps (he had previously held a permit). His first significant victory came in the Ascot Stakes three years later with Bonhomie.

MAJOR-GENERAL ASHTON WADE

Then began his great days: the Lincolnshire Handicap two seasons running with Johns Court and Hill Royal (1961-62); the Ayr Gold Cup with Dawn Watch (1960). Kamundu (1965) and Brief Star, who carried the Sangster colours, in 1969. The Victoria Cup came his way with Tudor Treasure in 1963, and both the Wokingham and Portland Handicaps in 1966 with, respectively, My Audrey and Audrey Joan. As well, of course, as the Great Jubilee and the Cambridgeshire.

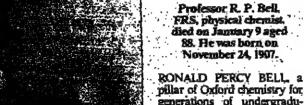
Important handicaps apart, Cousins sent out two highclass fillies in Ludham, third to Pia in the 1967 Oaks, and Shellshock, third to Mysterious in the 1,000 Guineas six years later. In 1977 he retired and handed over the stable to one of his sons in order to concentrate on farming and acting as a bloodstock agent.

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He is survived by three sons and a daughter.

PROFESSOR R.P. BELL



pillar of Oxford chemistry for generations of undergraduates and a devoted Balliol man, was prised away in 1967 to become the first professor of chemistry at the new Stirling University. Three years earlier he had failed by a whisker to become Master of Balliol. losing out to the historian Christopher Hill. Balbol's loss was Stirling's gain: under Principal Tom Cottrell, Bell established a chemistry department of high quality be-fore he retired in 1975.

R. P. Bell was the kind of man better suited to initials than to a Christian name. Small in stature and dry in delivery, he made no special ellori to make chemistry appear an attractive of straightforward subject. His ed to a term's initiation in which they were made to immerse themselves in a se-

weight of silver. Precision, clarity, and attention to detail were demanded. and failings were annotated in tiny pencil notes. His manner in the lecture theatre was equally uncompromising, but those who stayed the course did so because he was a chemist of distinction, not because he believed in easy

ries of Victorian papers on the

determination of the atomic

Bell came to Balliol in 1924 as an exhibitioner, and apart from a spell between 1928 and 1932 when he worked in Copenhagen with J. N. Bronsted, stayed there until 1967. He succeeded Sir Harold Hartley

as Bedford Lecturer in Chemistry at the college in 1932 before he had even completed

As a chemist he made many matched his own extraordioriginal contributions, being among the first to investigate how quantum theory made it and Signals: fought with dispossible for particles to tunnel through energy barriers rather than surmount them. He officer and military adminiswrote and lectured about acidtrator; commanded in India base catalysis and protontransfer reactions, and pioneered work in which the heavy isotope of hydrogen was substituted into a molecule. providing a tool by which the mechanism of reactions could Independent Television.

Douglas Ashton Lofft Wade be traced. He was also among was educated at St Lawrence the first to study very fast College, Ramsgate, and the reactions. Royal Military Academy, He was elected to the Royal Woolwich, before being com-Society in 1944 and served on its council. He published three missioned into the Royal Regibooks, Acid Base Catalysis ment of Artillery in 1916. He was severely wounded (1951), Acids and Bases (1952) on the Western Front, but

and The Proton in Chemistry (1959). At Balliol he held later transferred to the Italian successively the positions of theatre where he began to specialise in telecommunica-Fellow and Vice-Master, while in the university he became Reader in Physical Chemistry. tions. With the 14th Corps Signals Company in Lord Cavan's 10th Army on the But at Oxford both a chair and Piave, he won his MC and in the mastership of Balliol elud-September 1918 was again ed him. There were at this time only two chemistry chairs wounded during the preparain the university; had he tions for the massive Battle of Vittorio Veneto, which was to remained longer he would certainly have qualified for a personal chair, but they did bring the Austro-Hungarian Empire to the ground. In 1919 he went to southern

not exist in the 1960s. At Stirling he planned and established the chemistry department, and on retirement became an honorary research professor at Leeds between 1976 and 1982. He remained in contact with Balliol, for which he retained great affection. He was married in 1931 to

Margery West, who survives him together with their son.

died on January 16 aged nary versatility. He served in three different Corps of the Army - Artillery, Engineers tinction in both World Wars; proved himself an able staff and Malaya; played a part in German war crimes trials: and, after he retired from the Army, led the way in telecommunications engineering for

early years, as an instructor. In 1935 he was sent out to India, serving first on the intelligence staff and then on the North West Frontier as the administrative staff officer of the Baluchistan and then

Western Districts. He arrived back in England just in time to survive the retreat to Dunkirk as GSOI on the British Expeditionary Force signals staff. He held the same appointment at GHQ Home Forces during the Battle of Britain period. but in the spring of 1941 he returned to India with the 2nd Division as its senior administrative staff officer.

After the Japanese invasion of Burma, Wade was appointed Deputy Adjutant General in GHQ India. He held this key appointment for two years, grappling with the complex personnel problems of the multinational armies in India and Burma.

His reward came in 1044 when he was given command of the Madras area, which he

held until the Partition of India in 1947. During this command he was also a member of the Indian Armed Forces Nationalisation Committee, whose task was to plan the separate Indian and tani armies. His command appointment was GOC Malaya District.

He returned to England just before the communist terrorist campaign began and was appointed president of the board set up to review the sentences of war criminals tried in Europe. Subsequently he was a member of the military court which convicted Field Marshal von Manstein of war crimes.

Retiring from the Army in 1950, he joined the Foreign Office as telecommunications attaché at the British Embassy in Washington. Then, with Independent Television just starting up, he joined the Independent Television Authority as senior planning engineer in 1954 and went on from there in 1900 to be the ITA's regional officer for East Anglia. This led to his becoming technical consultant to the Cambridge Inter-University Research Unit, 1965-69. and to the WRVS Headquar-

ters, 1970-75. He held chairmanships of the Royal Corps of Signals Institution, 1957-63; of the South East Forum for closed circuit television in education. 1967-73; and of the Dunkirk Veterans' Association, 1967-74. His autobiography. A Life on the Line, was published in

His first marriage was in 1926 to Heather Mary Patricia Blumer, who died in 1968. In 1972 he married Cynthia Halliday (née Allen). who survives him, together with a daughter from his first

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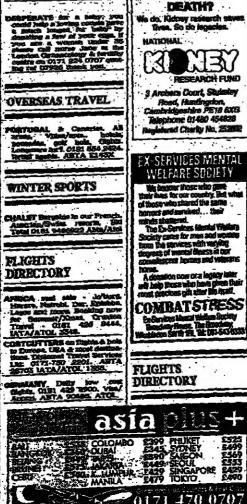
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DUTCH QUEEN MAKES WAY FOR HER DAUGHTER From Robert Schuill.

Queen Juliana of The Netherlands tonight announced that she would abdicate on April 30, her seventy-first birthday, in favour of her ter, Crown Princess Beatrix.

In a three-minute speech on radio and television on her eldest daughter's forty-second birthday, the Queen said: To everyone who grows older, sooner or later, the sober fact of declining energies appears, which no longer make it possible to fulfil one's task as before. A moment then arrives when it becomes irresponsible to continue that task. I thus feel that, for me, the moment is approaching when I must lay down my task as your Queen. The announcement came as a complete sur-

prise: There were rumours last year that Queen Juliana would abdicate on her seventieth birthday or at the latest after her speech from the throne last September. But these two events passed without the slightest indication that the Queen had any intention of stepping down and amidst official assurances that she intended to carry on. It thus had been generally assumed that the Queen would not abditate for several years in

order to allow her daughter to devote more time to her family. The reign of Queen Juliana, who ascended to the throne in September 1948, marked the end of the Netherlands as a colonial power. It is known ON THIS DAY

February 1, 1980

Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands succeeded her mother Queen Juliana in 1980, it was noted that she had had a very different upbringing from that of the former Queen.

that the Queen personally welcomed the independence of Indonesia. Her reign was also marked by personal tragedy, most recently over the censure involvement in the Lockheed bribes affair. In contrast to her mother the formidable Queen

Wilhelmina who was deeply respected by her subjects. Queen Juliana is genuinely loved by a large portion of the population for her simple and massuming ways.
The new Queen Beatrix is a woman who acts

with decision in contrast to Queen Juliana, who seems less sure of herself. Some observers have wondered whether she will adhere just as stringently to the pattern of constitutional mun-orchy as her mother has. Like her mother

however, and her grandmother before her, Princess Beatrix may be expected to be Queen of The Netherlands in her very own way,

FUTURE QUEEN OF HOLLAND WAS BROUGHT UP IN EXILE

The future Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands was born on January 31, 1938. She had barely been joined by her younger sister, Princess Irene, in 1939 when the Second World War broke out. Carried in poison gas-proof containers, the little girls were sent out of wartime Holland and taken

It is the England and then to Canada.

In Obawa the young princess spent five carefree years living in an ordinary house, raised by her mother without any of the official fuss that is inevitable in a royal palace.

In September 1948, when her mother became

Queen, Beatrix became Crown Princess at the age of 10. She went to secondary school paying special attention to subjects like sociology and politics. After her graduation she registered at Leiden University to study legal science, parliamentary history, politics and sociology, In June 1961, at the age of 23, she sat her doctoral

At the age of 25 Princess Beautix left her parents' palace and set up house in a small easile nearby, known as Drakensteyn. Two years later she mer Herr Claus von Amsberg, a German diplomat 12 years her senior. Her marriage in 1960 led to ri

Judge's warning on sentences

The Home Secretary's tougher sentencing policy will lead to more murders as rapists and other violent criminals decide that it is not worth leaving their victims alive, one of Britain's most senior judges said.

Adding his voice to a chorus of judicial dissent, Lord Justice Rose also criticised Michael Howard's proposals on minimum sentences for some offences as an undesirable fetter on judges' discretion to tailor the punishment to the crime...

Soldiers overcome by LSD experiment

Soldiers who took part in secret chemical warfare trials in the 1960s were dosed with LSD tablets that incapacitated disciplined units. Some officers could not control their men because they were laughing uncontrollably, according to declassified Ministry of Defence documents Page 1

Nolan suggested

The Labour leadership said that they will accept any changes to Commons salaries recommended by the Nolan Committee, putting heavy pressure on John Major over MPs' pay.....

Royal 'listener'

A man who allegedly tape-recorded the Duke of Edinburgh speaking on a mobile telephone was interviewed by police and suspended from his job Page 1

Lorry bomb

At least 55 people died when a lorry bomb tore apart the centre of Colombo, the Sri Lankan capital, in one of the biggest attacks by the Tamil Tigers in 13 years of civil war..... ... Pages I, 15

Ecstasy inquest

The parents of Leah Betts told an inquest of their frantic attempts to keep her alive as she slipped into a coma after taking an Ecstasy the politically damaging figure of ...Page 3

Finger art

Museum curators and collectors have been astonished by the discovery that Edgar Degas, the 19th-century master, painted dozens of his works with his fingers

and thumbs. **Ducks doomed** Hundreds of ruddy ducks are to be shot on lakes and ponds in Britain after a rethink by John

Hot money

Farmers earned £1 billion more last year than in 1994, partly because of the long hot ..Page 7 summer.

Firing squad

The Buddhist monk who murdered the British backpacker Johanne Masheder in a cave in Thailand was sentenced to death by a firing squadPage 8

Island worry

Islanders on Eigg in the Inner Hebrides are becoming increasingly doubtful that their mysterious new German laird will deliver his promise to invest millions of pounds in their community... Page 9

3m French jobless

Unemployment in France climbed sharply again during November and December, pushing the number of jobless above three million Page 12

University violence

The violent scenes at the University of the Western Cape in the past few days have produced dramatic television footage reminiscent of the era of apartheid... _ Page 13

Jubilant Democrats

The Democrats celebrated victory in a Senate by-election in Oregon and cited the result as evidence Gummer, the Environment that America has soured on the ... Page 6 Republican Revolution ... Page 14

Policeman tries million dollar kick

A New York police sergeant will win a million dollars on Sunday if, during the break at an American football final in Hawaii, he manages to perform a successful 35-yard place kick. Michael Volino, 35, won the opportunity in a lucky draw run by a chocolate company. He will have just one chance but in a practice session he missed 11 out of 12 times....



The Prince of Wales meeting rappers Mick and Ricky during a visit to a community project at Dudley, West Midlands

BUSINESS

Building society: Three million qualifying members of Alliance & Leicester will receive an average £900 payout in a free share distribution in April

Politics: Sir Terence Conran. founder of the Habitat chain, declared his support for the Labour Party and his belief that it will win the next election... Page 23

Railtrack: Lovingly shot images of a "ghost railway", unsulfied by a single train, will form the centrepiece of the E4 million television advertising campaign for the stock market flotation

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 24.0 to 3759.3. Sterling rose from 83.1 to 83.3 after a rise from \$1.5044 to \$1.5110 and from DM2.2411 to DM2.2476...

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dlesbrough manager, is to be offered the chance to succeed Terry

Rugby union: The International Rugby Football Board has demanded that member unions adhere to a 180-day player eligibility regulation so that the change from amateurism to professionalism can be effectively managed Page 44 Cricket: The decision to stage the World Cup in the Indian sub-conti-

nent looked increasingly ill-fated after the bomb blast in Colombo combined with other political problems ...

Racing: Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club, the dominating force in the colony's sporting life, is to drop "Royal" from its title ____ Page 39

ABTS

New films: The spirit of Victor Hugo is trampled as the eccentric French director Claude Lelouch turns Les Misérables into a 20thcentury cinematic epic, Steve Martin's talents are wasted in Father of the Bride Part II _____ Page 31

Rising star: Ingeborga Dapkunaite, the Lithuanian actress who plays the title role in Katia Ismailova, is winning awards - and international fame Page 31

Birthday telegram: One hundred years after its first performance, La Bohème remains the world's greatest operatic weepie......Page 32

Thumbs down: Simon Callow's RSC staging of the classic French film Les Enfants du Paradis is both overlong and unnecessary, says Benedict Nightingale....... Page 33

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Why would-be pop

stars are going

EDUCATION

The great university

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state school pupils are

rejecting Oxford and

Cambridge entrance

back to school

Waking nightmare: New Yorker Lori Berenson has been sentenced to life for treason in Peru. Quentin Letts meets her parerus Page 17 Burning hell: Ron Lipsius describes the horror of the King's Cross fire. Now, with the £650,000 damages award given for his burnt hands, he feels he must find a way forward Page 16

Vitamin warning: Do beta carotene pills actually threaten your health? A disturbing report...... Page 16

STORS.

Rich variety: Peter Jay wonders about a greedy KGB spy; Kate Hatfield on bisexuality and erotism: Stephen Turnim studies the law and Matthew Parris catches Moving Images Pages 34, 35

TRAVEL

Last look: Hong Kong is expecting a surge in the number of Britons keen to visit the colony before it is handed to ChinaPage 36

Taiwan's plight and the US response to it are a proxy for American reliability in the entire region

What a shame if the weakest. link turns out to be in Washing-- Wali Street Journal France was persuaded by international anger to cut short its testing. plans. China is much less likely to be similarly influenced

- Los Angeles Times

Peres and polls

Let us go to the polls. Mr Peres may now calculate: let us win, and then think about Syria over the next four years. It is a calculation worth making; and few do their sums with greater fluency_____Page 19

Preview: Politicians gerethessoap. opera treatment in Annie's Bar

(Channel 4, 9.30pm). Review: Peter Barnard is shocked by child beauty

What is needed now is a request

from the party leaders, led by the

Prime Minister, to widen Nolan's.

remit to include MPs' pay. The initiative now lies with John

Politics of pay

Tiger, tiger

As for whether "the tygers of wrath are wiser than the horses of instruction", we have the right to decide for ourselves

COLUMNS

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

I hope that policy will move towards encouraging individual rather than institutional saving. Yet despite a few good signs, the China on the edge of a distrust and isolation it cannot afford _____Page 18

BERNARD CONNOLLY

Today, a decision has been implemented to sack me from my job as head of the unit monitoring the European monetary system. My offence, it seems, was to get things Page 18

PETER RIDDELL

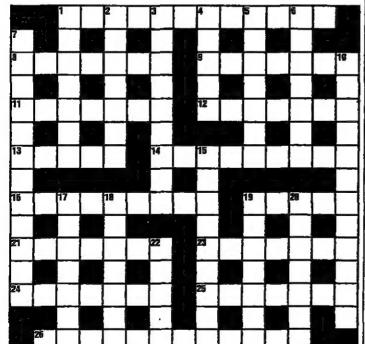
The critical test for a Blair Government will be whether it retains the support of its grassroots Page 10 JOHN BRYANT

To take up sport when you have been given six months to live may seem defiant. It may appear even more improbable if you are 70 years old, 40lb overweight, a lifelong smoker and under warning from your doctors that mowing the lawn could kill you Page 42

Jerry Siegel, creator of Superman; Eric Cousins, trainer: Professor R. P. Bell, physical chemist; Maior-General Ashton Wade, Royal Corps of Signals Page 21

Advice for politicians: 11-plus cur-

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,079



ACROSS

- 1 You formally support a party (b.b). 8 Being doubly depressed is lousy
- 9 Emerge into the open, striking with part of whip (7). 11 Urbanity unfortunately lacking in
- second-class individual (7). 12 Note unlimited sums - nothing less is possible (7).
- 13 Hat protecting don's head, that's seen on Spanish character (5).
- 14 Niece's boa knotted in a bow (9). 16 Primate. English, has hidden aim to reveal the chosen one (9). 19 Wife's cross about rude reference
- to offspring (5). 21 Fellows that aren't real soldiers abandoned duties (7).

Solution to Puzzle No 20.078



- 23 Like a machine that puts round mark, say, on mug (7). 24 Score a goal a game? (7).
- 25 Locks up queen in here? (7). 26 For her, The Lancet misrepre-

sented modern surgery (6,6).

4 Prelude from Elgar's first in

5 Men on board providing judgment and direction (7).

6 Galley slave and sailors executed

7 Bookplate, for example? (12). 10 One who asks repeatedly to be

given money for bread (12). 15 River crustacean the French found

17 Such a sucker can be dispensed

18 Fix stable supports with it (7).

19 Vehicle overturned on green is

22 Uplifting exercise taken by quiet,

Times Two Crossword, page 44

mother (5-4).

CORRECT (5).

in sultanate (7).

abhorrent (9).

wreck (7).

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slender woman (5).

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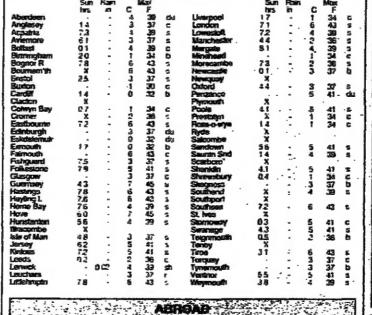
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Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Ireland: cloudy, perhaps rain. Wind NE, light. Max 5C (41F). Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Cent Highlande, Moray Firth, NE & NW Scotland, Orloney, Shetiand: mostly dry, cloudy. Wind northeasterly, light. Max 3C (37F). Outlook: little change.

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